

CITY OF MUSKEGON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a special assessment district is proposed to be created by the Muskegon City Commission for the following project: DOWNTOWN MUSKEGON BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID). The proposed special assessment district will be located as follows: Bordered by Pine St. on the NE, Shoreline Dr. to the N and W/SW. The southern boundary of the district from NE to the SW is as follows: W. Webster Ave. west of Pine St to Third St; Clay Ave. from Third St. to Fourth St.; Western Ave. from Fourth St. to Eighth St. The Third St corridor from W. Webster south to Merrill Ave is also included in the district.

It is proposed that the services in the Downtown Muskegon Business Improvement District be paid by special assessment from properties within the district. This includes spring/fall cleanup, landscaping, sidewalk snow removal and administration. The total estimated cost of services within the BID is approximately \$113,000, The proposed 2021 assessment will be paid through the winter property tax bill due Feb. 15 2021. Preliminary plans and cost estimates are on file in the Muskegon City Clerk's Office, Muskegon City Hall. During the COVID-19 closure of Muskegon City Hall please contact the clerk's office at 231-724-6705 or ann.meisch@shorelinecity.com for access to the documents.

An initial public hearing to consider the creation of the special assessment district will be held at the City of Muskegon Commission Chambers, 933 Terrace St, or virtually live on the city's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CityofMuskegon/>) on Sept. 8, 2020 at 5:30 P.M. You are encouraged to appear at this hearing either on Facebook, by agent or in writing to express your opinion concerning the proposed assessment. Public comments will be allowed through the Facebook live event. Written objections or appearances must be made at or prior to the hearing. NOTE: THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT WILL BE CREATED OR NULLIFIED AT THIS HEARING.

A second public hearing will be held, if the district is created, to confirm the special assessment roll. You will be mailed a separate notice for the second hearing. At the second hearing, the special assessment costs will be spread on the affected properties accordingly. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE ASSESSED AMOUNT AGAINST YOUR PARCEL EITHER IN WRITING OR IN PERSON AT EITHER HEARING. HOWEVER, UNLESS YOU PROTEST AT ONE OF THE TWO HEARINGS, EITHER IN PERSON, OR BY AGENT AT THE HEARING, OR IN WRITING BEFORE THE HEARING, YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL TO THE MICHIGAN TAX TRIBUNAL WILL BE LOST. IF THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL IS CONFIRMED AT THE SECOND HEARING, YOU WILL HAVE THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF CONFIRMATION OF THE ROLL TO FILE A WRITTEN APPEAL WITH THE MICHIGAN STATE TAX TRIBUNAL. By City Charter, if the owners of more than one-half of the properties to be assessed object to the assessment in writing at or before the hearing, the improvement shall not be made unless the City Commission determines by affirmative vote of all its members that the safety or health of the public necessitates the improvement.

The City Commission of Muskegon will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes or printed material being considered at the meeting, upon 24 hour notice to the City of Muskegon. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the City of Muskegon by writing or calling Clerk Ann Meisch, 933 Terrace St, Muskegon, MI 49440. Phone (231) 724-6705; TTY/TDD: Dial 7-1-1 and ask a representative to dial 231-724-6705.

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