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**Subject:** Re: Objections Street Assessment Mill and Overlay Woodlawn Ave  
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City Council,

We would kindly request your response that it is our position that this has been ruled on before in court by the judge as an illegal assessment . Please refer back to the judge's ruling. Vote no to this.

We look forward to hearing back from you upon your review of the judgment's order to cease with this kind of street assessment .

Thank you ,  
Wendy Neurer

On Thursday, August 22, 2024 at 02:04:32 PM CDT, Wendy Neurer <wendyn02@aol.com> wrote:

City Council,

We the people, on South Woodlawn Ave, have strong objections for an assessnet of \$679.80 per home for our small residential street to pay for an 1 inch mill and overlay of our block. I find myself again being outraged how the city is overcharging property tax owners for basic city services.

Mayor Melvin Carter just raised our property taxes 15% for the sole purpose of street maintenance and now this year 7.9% increased property tax. This is addition to an increase of 1% sales tax for streets . And then an imposing assessment on each of our homes for nearly \$700 on top of what we are paying in property taxes. How many times are we supposed to be charged for our streets to be maintained? This is an overreach. It sets a bad precedent when administration is overspending then needs money for basic city services and has to charge property owners to pick up the tab.

For me, this is a step too far. Street maintenance is part of our property taxes. In fact that was what a Judge ruled.I see over the years that city politicians have lost focus on the core mission of the city: safe streets and sidewalks, public safety, preservation of the environment, trees, historic buildings and institutions and neighborhoods, library services and regional parks and recreation services. Where are you spending our money on? Top priority is basic city services, not

social services that the county is responsible for providing . You need to balance a budget where basic city services are covered therefore that might necessitate cuts in staff and programs.

With the poor decision not to immediately plow the side streets at the beginning of the snow storm 2 winters ago, our street iced up so badly you couldn't walk down the street. So Public Works needed to come back to Woodlawn with graters which chewed up sections of the block. Public Works did their damage and now we are paying for their incompetence. Why didn't Public Works hot patch what they damaged and leave the street repatched not an 1 inch M&O. Just because this is a part of the major master plan to compliment the Highland Bridges that doesn't mean it is a necessity. Why are we being overcharged for our small block that gets used substantially by the school and temple attendees at the end of the block. We shouldn't be charged for this. The city's rationale that the mill & overlay increases all our personal individual market values is a gross exaggeration .

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These additional assessments create an undue hardship just as the additional 15% property tax increase did and now 7.9% increase. For those of us retired on fixed incomes, this is at a tipping point! One of my elderly friends who rents a home in Ward 3 told me that these assessments and property tax increases drives her rent up that it creates a barrier for her to continue to rent a house. The high property taxes AND assessments are bringing this city down.

Please listen to what the people that you represent are trying to tell you what we need for a good quality of life .

Thank you

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