

Neighborhood Parks Basis of Special Assessments Policy

Cost Allocation

- Cost allocation based on parcel/lot square footage.
- Residential parcels will have a factor of 1.0 applied to their square footage. Commercial parcels will have a factor of 2.0 applied to their parcel square footage.¹
- The term of a Park Improvement Special Assessment District shall be 15 years.

Benefitting Property

- Boundaries are drawn to include all parcels within the neighborhood park service area that is typically defined as the area within a ½ mile walking distance of the proposed park.
 - Walking distance is measured from the edge of the proposed park along public sidewalks, trails, or other designated public right-of-ways.
 - Boundaries will not cross arterial streets or bodies of water.
- If a parcel is within ½ mile of two neighborhood parks, parcel will only be assessed for one park.
- Parcels zoned P – Public will not be assessed for park improvements except that the Park District property may be assessed for District-wide park amenities and any costs associated with benefitting property outside corporate city limits (costs held in abeyance).

¹Commercial property is defined as any parcel with four or more residential units or parcels not zoned R5 – Single Family or R10 – Duplex. Residential property is defined as any parcel not determined to be commercial property.

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