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**Office of the Assessor**

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BY COUNCIL MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of the Home Rule City Act, Act 279 of 1909, as amended, being MCL 117.5i (the act) a request to renew the Special Assessment District (SAD) for Detroit Golf Club, Palmer Woods, and Sherwood Forest has been received; and

**WHEREAS**, a city with a population of more than 600,000 may provide by ordinance a procedure to finance by special assessments the provision by private contractors of snow removal from streets, mosquito abatement, and security services. The ordinance shall authorize the use of petitions to initiate the establishment of a special assessment district. The record owners of not less than 51% of the land comprising the actual SAD must have signed the petitions.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Detroit has amended Chapter 18, Article XII of the 1984 Detroit City Code, by adding  
Division 7, “Special Assessments for Snow Removal, Mosquito Abatement, and Security Services”,  
Subdivision A, “General Matters”, Sections 18-12-120 to 18-12-123, Subdivision B, “Petition”,  
Sections 18-12-125 to 18-12-128, Subdivision C, “Establishment of District and Assessment”,  
Sections 18-12-130 to 18-12-142, and Subdivision D, “Contracting for Provision of Services”,  
Sections 18-12-145 to 18-12-146, to specifically implement the provisions of Section 5i of the Home Rule City Act, MCL 117.5i, which grants the power to “provide by ordinance a procedure to finance by special assessments the provision by private contractors of snow removal from streets, mosquito abatement, and security services [and] authorize the use of petitions to initiate the establishment of a special assessment district.”;  
Sec 44-3-221 Continuation of a Special Assessment District Upon expiration of term.

**WHEREAS**, the Detroit Golf Club, Palmer Woods, and Sherwood Forest Neighborhood Associations, acting as the Designated Neighborhood Improvement Organization (DNIO), are proposing to renew the existing the Special Assessment District in their respective areas for the benefit of all Tax Parcels for which a Tax Parcel Share is assessed the services of:

1. Snow removal from streets, which may include the portion designed for vehicular travel, the portion designed for pedestrian travel, or both;
2. Mosquito abatement; and
3. Security Services; and



**WHEREAS**, The Office of the Chief Financial Officer – Office of the Assessor, as the Administering Department, certifies that the Detroit Golf Club, Palmer Woods, and Sherwood Forest Designated Neighborhood Improvement Organizations have submitted petitions in compliance with MCL 117.5i, containing the signatures of at least 51% of the property owners in the designate area in support of the creation of a SAD, and

**Whereas**, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer – Office of the Assessor has provided to the Budget, Finance, and Audit Standing Committee of the Detroit City Council assurances verifying the validity of the petition and any other information that the Administering Department deems appropriate; and

**Whereas**, the boundaries of the proposed SAD are as follows:

**For the Detroit Golf Club:**

That part of the East one-half of Section 10 and a part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 11, Town I South, Range 11 East lying west of Woodward Ave, Detroit Michigan

**For Palmer Woods:**

That part of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 2 and part of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 3, T.1., S.R. II.E, lying west of Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan

**For Sherwood Forest:**

The residential properties located south of Pembroke Ave. north of 7 Mile Road West (including homes on the north side of 7 Mile Road West from Livernois Ave. to Parkside St.), east of Livernois Ave., and west of the Woodlawn Cemetery.

**Whereas**, the proposed fee for each Special Assessment District is as follows:

Detroit Golf Club - \$494  
Palmer Woods - \$495  
Sherwood Forest - \$300



**Whereas**, the Budget, Finance, and Audit Standing Committee of the Detroit City Council hereby preliminarily finds that the tax parcels will be benefited by an amount proportionate to the tax parcel share; and

**Whereas**, the term of the SAD is seven (7) years; and

**Whereas**, due to the natures of the services being provided, a periodic redetermination of cost will be necessary without a change in the SAD boundaries, that redetermination of the cost will occur in April of each year; and

**Whereas**, the services to be provided are an extension or expansion to services already provided by the City and are not a replacement for existing City-provided services; and

**Whereas**, the Budget, Finance, and Audit standing subcommittee of the Detroit City Council held a public hearing at its October 11, 2023 meeting to support the hearing request; and

**Whereas**, the revised assessed cost may exceed by up to 15% the original assessed cost included in the resolution approving the district without further notice to residents in the SAD and

**Now be it Resolved**, the Budget, Finance, and Audit Standing Committee of the Detroit City Council hereby forwards with a recommendation for approval the petitions of the Detroit Golf Club, Palmer Woods, and Sherwood Forest Designated Neighborhood Improvement Organizations to continue with their respective Special Assessment Districts for seven years; and

Now be it further resolved that a public hearing to consider the petitions of Detroit Golf Club, Palmer Woods, and the Sherwood Forest Designated Neighborhood Improvement Organizations shall be held before the Committee of the Whole of the Detroit City Council. Notice of the public hearing shall be given in accordance with Act 162 of 1962, the Notice of Special Assessment Hearings Act, MCL 211.741 *et seq.*, and shall also be published in a newspaper of general circulation at least five (5) days prior to the date fixed for the hearing. Per Sec. 18-12-131 of City Code, and to the taxpayers of record within the proposed SAD.



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