

To: City of Madison Board of Public Works
Alder Marsha Rummel
City Engineer Larry D. Nelson
City Project Engineer Jim Wolfe

RE: Street/Sewer/Sidewalk Special Assessment—Maple/Center/Ludington Avenues

February 18, 2009

Thank you for considering this response to your letter of 2/6/09, which was addressed to property owners along the above-named streets. I write to you today in order to register an objection to the special assessments on our property (Ken and Lesley Crocker, 3106 Center Ave.). Our concern arises because our home is on a corner lot (at Center and Ludington). Corner property owners are liable for a much larger amount than other property owners. The assessment figure for our home, per your schedule, is \$4,348.50.

The largest section of our property lies along Ludington Avenue. All streets in our area are posted to allow parking on only one side. During the period from May 15 to November 15 each year, additional parking restrictions apply on Wednesdays and Thursdays--due to street cleaning. In addition to the above parking constraints, streets in our area are congested from September through June due to teachers, staff, and parents who are associated with Lowell Elementary School. Besides the congestion, our (tiny) driveway aprons are sometimes partly or completely blocked by the cars of these folks. Due to the large snowfall we've had this winter, street parking and exiting our driveway have been especially difficult.

While our property is adjacent to Ludington Ave., we comprise only a small portion of the users of this street. We respectfully request that the City take this into consideration, and pay a greater than 50% portion of the corner lot costs—for the street, curb, gutter, pavement, and sanitary sewer work.

Sidewalks were recently replaced in our area; the assessment for our share was over \$1,100. A large number of sidewalk sections along our property were replaced. Could you please explain what other sidewalks now need to be replaced? You show a cost of \$750 to replace 250 sq. ft--plus more to pay for sidewalk removal. We were under the impression that the sidewalks were completed. Because of this--please record our objection to the entire sidewalk portion of our assessment.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,



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