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From: The City Manager

Subject: 2009 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll

Manager's Recommendation:

It is recommended that Council consideration be given to the responses provided on the objections received through the public hearing held on February 23, 2009; that the recommendations be approved and the resolution confirming the 2009 Single Lot Special Assessment Tax Roll under the regular order of business be adopted.

Justification:

On February 23, 2009 City Council conducted a public hearing on the Single Lot Special Assessment tax roll for Nuisances, i.e. Trash Removal/Yard Cleanup (TR009), Weed/Grass Cutting (WC009) and Wrecker Service/Vehicle Removal (WS009), Sewer Connections & Replacements (SEWTR), Solid Waste Disposal Annual Fee (TRFE), Environmental Compliance (EC001), Environmental Tests/Samples/Inspections/Adm. Fees (EC091) and Environmental Fees & Surcharges (EC092);

Notice of the hearing was mailed to approximately 12,500 owners of property affected by the assessments as shown on the City Assessor records. These assessments represent expenses incurred by the City for improvements constructed and for abatement of nuisances, which expenses are charged against individual properties.

The following persons filed objections during the public hearing with the City Council.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
11 0736 00000	2126 Lowell	Mark & Winnie Morris (Alysse Morris Watson-Speaker)	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: Property owner disputes the single lot assessment weed-cutting charge. Said the pictures provided by engineering show the property was not cut on the specified day.

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. City Weed Abatement does have pictures showing the cutting may not have been justified.

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Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
001 0699 00000	1352 Myrtle	John & Ethel Kemper	\$44.75-TR009
		(Ruth Kemper- Speaker)	\$44.75-TR009
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			\$44.75-TR009
			\$79.12-WC009
			\$79.12-WC009

Objection: Ms. Kemper states no bills were ever received for any of the charges. Said she had a picture of the property taken the day before it was cut one of the times and it did not show a need for the grass to be cut. Asked if in the future she could receive notice before the single lot special assessment notification letter.

Department Reply: Under the City’s current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9” is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. Regarding the trash removal, the property is posted each time a violation occurs and a letter is sent out before the close of business on the day of violation. City records indicate Ruth Kemper is the taxpayer and the notification letters were sent to Ms. Kemper at her address of record, 1302 Carlisle St.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal and weed cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
10 0180 00100	1607 Whittier	Belinda Bullock	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Purchased property on October 29, 2008, and never received notice to pay.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. It is paid in advance and was due on December 1, 2008. If not paid by the due date a \$5 late fee is assessed.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
05 0441 00000	617 N. 11th	Justin Cassell	\$89.50-TR009
			\$79.12-WC009
			\$79.12-WC009

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Objection: Was never notified the grass was too high and certain it wasn't over the limit. Asked for pictures showing it was too high. Also regarding the trash removal fee, not sure what the trash removal fee is for or what trash was removed.

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. City records indicate this property was cut due to violations. Regarding the trash removal, the owner raked leaves into the gutter in April 2008, which is not allowed.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal and weed cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

In addition to those who attended the public hearing, the following written objections were received and filed with the City Clerk for Council consideration.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
14 0363 00000	1009 N. Fayette	Michael Neuenfeldt	\$110.00-TRFE

Objection: Said the house burned on June 16, 2008 and was been demolished.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property in which there is a structure. It is paid in advance and was due December 1, 2008.

Recommendation: Since the structure was demolished, the single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 0239 00000	1820 Vermont	Carl & Carolyn Maksimowicz	\$44.75-TR009

Objection: Said they never received a letter or pictures regarding the trash picked up. Requested copies of both.

Department Reply: Pictures are on file indicating trash was removed on the day in question.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 1822 00000	1902 Stanley	Leon & Joan Farrell	\$55.00-TRFE

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Objection: The fee was paid on 11/5/2008 and cleared on 11/24/2008.

Department Reply: The City's records indicate the fee was paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
18 0629 00000	413 Alice	Robert & Virginia Hanley	\$5.00-TRFE

Objection: Stated the bill was paid on November 26, 2008, and the check cleared on December 8, 2008

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, and was due on December 1, 2008, but was not received by that date. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
01 0448 00000	909 N. 4 th	Larry & Carrie Campbell	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: Said the property was never cut by the City and no notice was received regarding this matter. Said photos taken by the City show adjacent properties, not this property.

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures on file show the cutting was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
15 0182 00000	907 N. Harrison	Ira G. Grant	\$91.48-WC009

Objection: Owner bought the property in August 2008, and the City hasn't cut it since that time. The bill should be sent to the previous owner.

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures on file show the cutting was justified.

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Single lot assessments run with the land not the owner. Owner may seek recovery from the Title Company or prior owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 4042A 33400	2500 Hampshire	Una Belle Brown	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Ms. Brown stated the fee was paid on January 23, 2009.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, and was due on December 1, 2008, but was not received by that date. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: If the fee was paid on January 23, 2009, it will no longer be on the tax roll. If the fee was not paid, the single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 2368 00000	518 S. 16 th	Eugene & Mary Franke	\$55.00-TRFE \$44.75-TR009

Objection: The property was sold on a land contract July 2007, and returned on forfeiture on November 7, 2008. The trash removal fee should be paid by the previous owner.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, and was due on December 1, 2008, but was not received by that date. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. With regard to the trash removal fee, single lot assessments run with the land not the owner. Owner may seek recovery from prior owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee and trash removal fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
20 2777 00000	2023 N. Morson	Bernard Rapin	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Kathryn Putt, power of attorney for Bernard Rapin, said there had been no one living at this address for two years and therefore there was no need for trash pickup. Further, that Mr. Rapin's limited income doesn't allow for extra items such as trash pickup.

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Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. It is paid in advance and was due December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
14 0015 00000	1116 N. Granger	Covenant Medical Center	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: House was demolished in December 2006.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: Since the structure has been demolished, the single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
14 0890 00000	1906 Hill	Covenant Medical Center	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: House was demolished in March 2008.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: Since the structure was demolished, the single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
14 1302 00000	1726 Stark	Covenant Medical Center	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: House was demolished in September 2007.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: Since the structure was demolished, the single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

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<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
13 1818 00000	836 Pleasant	Main Street Bank	\$110.00-TRFE \$79.12-WC009

Objection: Assessments should be sent to the current owner, Georgeline Nicholas.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. City records indicate the property was transferred to Georgeline Nicholas on January 27, 2009. Single lot assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee and the weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
17 0011 00000	1321 Lyon	Main Street Bank	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Assessments should be sent to the current owner, Georgeline Nicholas.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. City records indicate the property was transferred to Georgeline Nicholas on January 27, 2009. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
18 0077 00000	1424 Gratiot	Main Street Bank	\$110.00-TRFE

Objection: Assessments should be sent to the current owner, Georgeline Nicholas.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. City records indicate the property was transferred to Georgeline Nicholas on January 27, 2009. Single lot assessments run with the land, not the owner. City records indicate the property was transferred to Georgeline Nicholas on January 27, 2009. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

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13 0581 00000	2006 Deindorfer	Jerome & Katherine Strasz	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Fee was paid and funds disbursed on November 17, 2008.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee was paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
14 1127 00000	1815 Congress	Daniel L. Rice	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Fee was sent to City on November 19, 2008, cleared on November 24, 2008.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee was paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
10 1092 00000	3324 Fulton	Saginaw County Community Action Committee	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Structure was demolished in 2007.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: Since the structure was demolished, the single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
09 0832 00000	1333 Bagley	Joshua B. Bond	\$134.25-TR009 \$268.50-TR009

Objection: This is a vacant lot between the houses at 1339 and 1329 Bagley, maintained by the tenant of 1339 Bagley. One notice to remove trash was received, and the property was cleaned before the notice expiration. Believe being falsely charged with this assessment.

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Department Reply: City records indicate the \$268.50 charge was billed incorrectly, however, pictures are on file indicating trash was removed on the other day in question.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee in the amount of \$268.50 should be removed from the tax roll. The single lot special assessment trash removal fee in the amount of \$134.25 should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
09 0647 00000	1132 Sheridan	Katrina Scott & Donald Hill	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Said they own property at 1132 and 1136 Sheridan, the property at 1136 has been vacant for a couple years. Ask the City to remove these fees since it's a vacant lot.

Department Reply: The property at 1136 Sheridan is a vacant lot and was not charged a solid waste disposal fee. The property at 1132 Sheridan is not a vacant lot. The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
04 0112 00000	1014 Johnson	Paul & Lavonne Bixler	\$55.00-TRFE \$79.12-WC009

Objection: Mr. Bixler passed away in December and family was unaware he was not maintaining properties prior to that time. Will pay fee but request late fee be waived. Misunderstanding on ownership, several times someone mowed the grass, it doesn't take long and doesn't cost the City \$237.26 to mow that small area of grass at 1014 Johnson and the two empty lots (1006 and 1010 Johnson).

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. With regard to the weed-cutting fee, under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee and weed cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

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<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
04 0111 00000	1010 Johnson	Paul & Lavonne Bixler	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: Misunderstanding on ownership, several times someone mowed the grass, it doesn't take long and doesn't cost the City \$237.26 to mow that small area of grass at 1014 Johnson and the two empty lots (1006 and 1010 Johnson).

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
04 0110 00000	1006 Johnson	Paul & Lavonne Bixler	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: Misunderstanding on ownership, several times someone mowed the grass, it doesn't take long and doesn't cost the City \$237.26 to mow that small area of grass at 1014 Johnson and the two empty lots (1006 and 1010 Johnson).

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
18 0680 00000	1218 Brockway	Bixler Family Trust	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Mr. Bixler passed away in December and family was unaware he was not maintaining properties prior to that time. Will pay fee but request late fee be waived.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

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<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 0875D 45000	1341 Casimir	Bixler Family	\$110.00-TRFE \$79.12-WC009

Objection: Mr. Bixler passed away in December and family was unaware he was not maintaining properties prior to that time. Will pay fee but request late fee be waived. The persons buying this property were cleaning it and there were people mowing lawns for Mr. Bixler.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. With regard to the weed-cutting fee, under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee and weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
12 1265 00100	3009 S. Jefferson	Bixler Family Trust	\$110.00-TRFE

Objection: Mr. Bixler passed away in December and family was unaware he was not maintaining properties prior to that time. Will pay fee but request late fee be waived.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 4063 00000	102 S. 16 th	CSX (Saginaw Bay Southern Railway)	\$120.33-WC009

Objection: Put on the company's grass cutting schedule and confirmed cut by our contractor. We are trying to cut all parcels before they reach City's assessment limit. (Provided list of dates cut.)

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the

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authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 4062 00000	108 S. 16th	CSX (Saginaw Bay Southern Railway)	\$118.27-WC009

Objection: Put on the company's grass cutting schedule and confirmed cut by our contractor. We are trying to cut all parcels before they reach City's assessment limit. (Provided list of dates cut.)

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
21 4061 00000	112 S. 16th	CSX (Saginaw Bay Southern Railway)	\$101.79-WC009

Objection: Put on the company's grass cutting schedule and confirmed cut by our contractor. We are trying to cut all parcels before they reach City's assessment limit. (Provided list of dates cut.)

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 0307 00100	1907 Main	Edward Brown	\$55.00-TRFE \$850.75-TR009

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Objection: Did not own property at time of assessment and not responsible for the assessments. NOTE: contacted title company, they are sending a check.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee, paid in advance, for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Pictures are on file indicating the trash removal was justified.

Recommendation: If and when the City receives payment from the title company, the single lot special assessment charges will be removed from the tax roll. Otherwise, they will remain on the tax roll because single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
15 0486 00000	816 N. Mason	Arnold & Wendy Chapman	\$134.25-TR009

Objection: Received letter stating we needed to clean property, we arrived to clean it within the 10 days given, but it was already cleaned. Was told by a City employee that they cleaned the property too early and to disregard the notice. Please remove the assessment.

Department Reply: Owner cleaned property within specified time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
04 0578 00000	1313 Lapeer	Marva D. Barnett	\$492.25-TR009 \$79.12-WC0009

Objection: Disputing all charges. People in neighborhood have been vandalizing and trashing the property. Also, son maintains the cutting of the property.

Department Reply: Trash Removal was charged to the wrong address. With regard to the weed cutting fee, under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should be removed from the tax roll. The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

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<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
07 0170 00000	528 S. Warren	James R. Hoover, Sr.	\$44.75-TR009

Objection: Received violation to remove garbage from street after it was missed by the garbage truck. We moved garbage cans to back of house the next Tuesday and put to the curb for pickup on Wednesday. Didn't know there was a time limit. Wish for this to be a warning not a bill.

Department Reply: Pictures are on file indicating the trash removal fee was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should remain on tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
15 0337 00000	522 N. Porter	Joseph L. Hickmott	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: Yard was not over 9" tall when City violated my property owner's rights and weed whacked my back yard. Feel I should not be forced to pay this unfair and improper bill.

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for date of cutting and indicate the cutting was justified.

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18 0415 00000	6 Roselawn Ct.	Christiana Bank & Trust Company	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: We have an agent assigned to maintain the property. Talked with City employee who agreed we were billed in error. Please remove assessment.

Department Reply: Pictures on file for date of cutting indicate the cutting may not have been justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
13 0137 00000	2222 N. Clinton	Brenda D. Mitchell-Abner	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Trash removal fee was paid on 11/3/2008 at same time as water bill.

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Department Reply: Trash removal fee was paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
13 2614 00000	2287 N. Carolina	Justin Miller	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: I purchased the property in late summer; the charges must have been from before I owned the property.

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures on file for date of cutting indicate the cutting was justified. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner. Owner may seek recovery from the Title Company or prior owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
129 0119 00000	1436 Division	Nathan Kade	\$5.00-TRFE

Objection: Payment sent on 12/1/2008, one day late. Times are tough and I did all I could to make payment on time. I feel this should be taken in to consideration and request you reconsider this fee.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 0742 00000	1013 Greenwich	Stacy Byce	\$44.75-TR009

Objection: Received bill for removal of trash on property. We removed the trash within the requested 72 hours. Talked with a City employee who agrees we would not have been charged and we shouldn't pay the bill. Ask that assessment be removed.

Department Reply: Billed in error, property was cleaned in allotted time.

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Recommendation: The single lot special assessment trash removal fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 1116 00000	1921 Kendrick	Terry & Ann Kalkman	\$55.00-TRFE \$44.75-TR009 \$79.12-WC009 \$79.12-WC009

Objection: Property surrendered to Bank of America in February 2008. It has been vacant since 2007.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. The City has the authority to cut any grass in violation. Pictures are on file for the dates of cutting indicating the cutting was justified. Pictures are also on file indicating the trash removal fee was justified. The City records show Terry B. and Ann Kalkman to be the owners of the property. If the property has changed ownership, the City cannot make this change unless it receives a deed showing transfer of title. Single lot assessments run with the property, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee, trash removal fee and weed cutting fees should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
16 0291 00000	821 Ames	Brett Porterfield and Midea Butler	\$165.00-TRFE \$44.75-TR009

Objection: This three unit shouldn't be charge \$165 for trash pickup because the waste management truck only makes one stop. We feel the \$55 for a single-family home is adequate. The \$44.75 for trash removal is not warranted, we always kept the yard clean and well maintained

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Pictures are on file for the dates of cutting indicating the cutting was justified. Pictures are also on file indicating the trash removal fee was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

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<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 1456 00000	2276 S. Hamilton	Pedro Juan Palomo	\$110.00-TRFE

Objection: This property is no longer a multiple unit property and should only pay for a single unit.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. This property has been converted into a single unit.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be reduced to \$55.00 on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
20 0538 00000	703 S. Woodbridge	Diana Michalak	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: This has always been part of her escrow, has never had to pay it before.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. It is a separate invoice and is not part of the property tax bill.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
13 2042 00000	1102 State	Brian K. Pavey	\$110.00-TRFE

Objection: This property is a registered single unit property and as such should be assessed a \$55.00 fee per year.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. This property has been converted into a single unit.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should be reduced to \$55.00 on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
06 0480 00100	310 S. 6 th	Albert L. Mitchell	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Brother (former owner) passed away and it is now mine. Object to the \$5.00 late fee since I didn't know about the fee.

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Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
05 0581 00000	212 N. 13 th	Albert L. Mitchell	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Brother (former owner) passed away and it is now mine. Object to the \$5.00 late fee since I didn't know about the fee.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
06 0484 00000	318 S. 6 th	Albert L. Mitchell	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Brother (former owner) passed away and it is now mine. Object to the \$5.00 late fee since I didn't know about the fee.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
06 0486 00000	324 S. 6 th	Albert L. Mitchell	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Brother (former owner) passed away and it is now mine. Object to the \$5.00 late fee since I didn't know about the fee.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

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Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
11 0159 00000	1213 Webber	Albert L. Mitchell	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Brother (former owner) passed away and it is now mine. Object to the \$5.00 late fee since I didn't know about the fee.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
04 0229 00000	125 N. 5 th	Albert L. Mitchell	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Brother (former owner) passed away and it is now mine. Object to the \$5.00 late fee since I didn't know about the fee.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
09 0506 00000	916 S. Park	Albert L. Mitchell	\$55.00-TRFE

Objection: Brother (former owner) passed away and it is now mine. Object to the \$5.00 late fee since I didn't know about the fee.

Department Reply: The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time. Single lot special assessments run with the land, not the owner.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

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<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
Multiple Properties		Saginaw County Land Bank	

Objection: Received approximately 200 letters indicating SLSA's being charge against properties we own. The Land Bank is exempt from taxes and therefore all assessments should be removed from the roll.

Department Reply: All single lot special assessment fees assessed to Land Bank Properties should be removed from the tax roll.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessments for all properties owned by the Land Bank should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
14 0984 00000	1814 Stone	James A. Salesky	\$44.75-TR009 \$44.75-TR009 \$89.50-TR009

Objection: These charges were a result of the previous owner. Since taking possession in July 2008, has made several improvements and brought property up to code. Asks the City to waive all or part of the listed fees.

Department Reply: City records indicate the trash removal fees for \$44.75 and \$89.50 were billed in error, however, pictures are on file indicating the other \$44.75 charge for trash removal was justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessments for \$44.75 and \$89.50 should be removed from the tax roll and one charge for trash removal in the amount of \$44.75 should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
10 1012 00000	3021 Fulton	Barbara J. Hill	\$79.12-WC009 \$55.00-TRFE

Objection: The WC009 fee and your services are unnecessary. I maintain the yard myself and the back yard is fenced. The house is and has been unoccupied so there's no reason for the TRFE fee.

Department Reply: Under the City's current ordinance on weed abatement, all citizens are notified in the Saginaw News in the spring that grass over 9" is a violation of the ordinance. Individual notices are not required under the ordinance. Pictures are on file for the date of cutting indicating the cutting was justified. The solid waste disposal fee is an annual fee for trash removal assessed to every property on which there is a structure per unit, paid in advance and due on December 1, 2008. There is a \$5.00 late fee imposed if not paid on time.

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Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed cutting, solid waste disposal fee and late fee should remain on the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
19 0354 00000	2219 S. Michigan	Frederick J. Ziehl	\$79.12-WC009

Objection: Request assessment be removed because pictures show I was not in violation.

Department Reply: Pictures are on file for the date of cutting indicating the cutting may not have been justified.

Recommendation: The single lot special assessment weed-cutting fee should be removed from the tax roll.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
		Saginaw Powertrain LLC	\$165.00-EC091

Objection: The \$165.00 fee was paid in January 2009.

Department Reply: Fees have been paid.

Recommendation: No action necessary.

<u>Tax Roll #</u>	<u>Property</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Fee Due</u>
		Hausbeck Pickle Company	\$1,624.04-EC092

Objection: All bills have been paid in full.

Recommendation: Outstanding charges on this out-City property cannot be collected as a single lot special assessment fee.

Council Action:

Council _____ moved that the recommendations of the City Manager be approved.