

## 41. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT POLICY RELATING TO THE REHABILITATION OF ROADWAYS WITHIN URBANIZED AREAS

### POLICY

It is the policy of Scott County to specially assess the benefiting properties of street reconstruction for cost of the improvements including curb and gutter, storm sewer, sidewalks, and driveway approaches in urbanized areas where it is no longer cost effective to provide routine maintenance.

### SCOPE

Scott County finds that there are two distinct types of roadways within its jurisdiction and classifies them as Rural and Urbanized. This policy only pertains to the urbanized roadway defined below.

Urbanized - Those roadways in residential areas that have curb and gutter, storm sewers and may have sidewalks.

### PROCEDURE

1. The special assessments will not be in excess of the benefit to the property. This policy applies to all roadways that are under the jurisdiction of Scott County. The special assessment will not be more than 25% of the assessed value of the property. The term for payment of the special assessment shall not be more than ten years.
2. Benefited properties shall be assessed 100% of the project costs, as calculated using the contract bid prices for the project. If the work is done by County forces then the actual costs of materials and labor will be used.
3. For the purposes of roadway reconstruction, the project costs will include the cost of replacing concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer, sidewalks, and driveway approaches. In those cases where curb and gutter, storm sewer or sidewalks did not previously exist, the additional benefit will be assessed. The cost to be assessed shall be 100% of the cost of installing the concrete curb and gutter, storm sewer or sidewalks. This cost will be assessed on a front foot basis.
4. The County will **not** special assess the cost of routine maintenance such as sealcoating, crack sealing or minor patching or for roadway replacement.
5. All procedures for assessments and Special Assessment Districts shall be in accordance with the Code of the State of Iowa Chapters 311, 331, and 384.