

Say NO to a New Tax on Housing, Nonprofits, Businesses, and Property Owners

Vote NO to Senate File 2442 (Pratt)/ HF 2296 (Tabke)

The proposed language provides new authority for city councils to impose an additional tax on growing businesses, non-profits, and housing developments. The proposal creates an end-run around requirements imposed upon cities under the special assessment laws designed to protect property taxpayers.

Local governments already have multiple options to fund local transportation projects including:

- General Property Tax Revenue
- Special Assessments
- State Transportation Aid
- Special Service Districts
- Tax Increment Financing
- Property Tax Abatement
- Local Option Sales Tax

Minnesota Courts Have Spoken on this Issue

A handful of cities have been attempting to impose these fees without legal authority. In 2018, the Minnesota Supreme Court ruled unanimously and struck this down in *Harstad v. City of Woodbury*.

At a time when costs to growing businesses, non-profits, and housing developments are already at all-time highs-adding an additional tax is the **wrong** approach.

Local governments have multiple options to fund local transportation projects that are both transparent and accountable to taxpayers and property owners. Creating a new tax on housing, non-profits, businesses, and property owners is **wrong** for Minnesota.

