



Frequently Asked Questions about the Headlee Override November 6, 2018

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Why is the City of Howell pursuing a Headlee Override at this time?

After several years of analysis and discussion, there are four main factors contributing to the need for a Headlee Override at this time.

- The State of Michigan continues to abdicate its responsibility in funding local municipalities, forcing local governments to make service cuts and/or consider new revenue sources.
- The 2008 Great Recession reduced taxable values by 27.6%.
- The combination of Proposal A and the Headlee Amendment, the controlling factors for tax collections in the State, do not allow taxable values to recover after the drop from the Great Recession, putting City taxable value at early 2000s levels.
- The City has managed our pension liabilities effectively, but the Municipal Employee Retirement System changed the City's required contributions, forcing unanticipated accelerated payments.

What infrastructure projects will occur as a result of the additional funds?

The City will begin rehabilitating local roads and increasing maintenance throughout the community, rather than waiting until the roads need full reconstruction, which is a costlier process. Restoring funding for infrastructure maintenance will prolong the life of the City's roads, reducing long-term costs. The first series of roads to be rehabilitated will be National Street (south of East Sibley), Chestnut Street (between Grand River and Clinton), Warbler Way (between Fowler and Meadowlark), and East Brooks Street (between Isbell and Gregory). Looking forward, the City has identified approximately \$18,000,000 of needed roadwork throughout the community. A map of these areas can be found at www.cityofhowell.org/headlee.

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