



## CITY OF MADEIRA—EARNINGS TAX ISSUE

Madeira City Council has asked the voters to approve a .25% increase to Madeira’s earnings tax with an additional .1% credit adjustment. This increase would raise an additional \$786,000 from the earnings tax and \$190,000 from the credit annually, money which can only be reinvested in Madeira’s infrastructure needs such as repaving Madeira’s streets, repairing Madeira’s streetscape, upgrading Madeira’s aging park system, and updating the City’s storm water and sewer systems.

# STREET PAVING

## Status Report

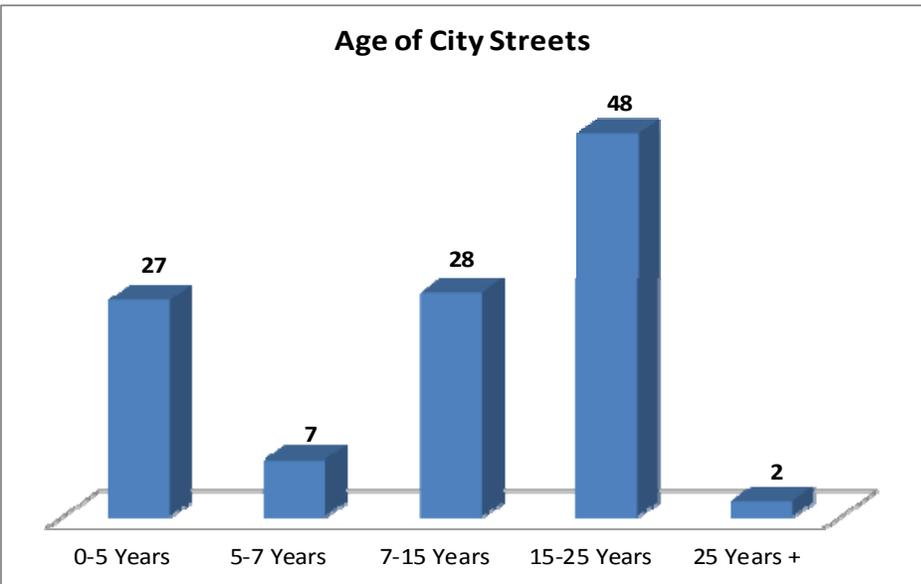
Asphalt has a 17-year average lifespan, but due to lack of funding, Madeira is currently on a street paving cycle of 25-30 years. These delays in much needed road repavement have increased the total replacement cost. Because the asphalt is so often deteriorated, many Madeira streets need to have both the road surface and sub-base replaced, adding to the total expense. Madeira needs approximately \$960,000 annually (in 2018 dollars), a 50% increase over the current budget, to achieve and maintain a consistent 15-17 year paving cycle.

- ◆ *In the past 28 years, the City has averaged 4.2 street resurfacings per year.*
- ◆ *The roads included in the 2018 Road Program averaged an age of 26.2 years.*

Proper pavement management is vital to reduce need for costly repairs to street sub-base and surface patches. Pavement condition is generally categorized as follows:

- ◆ 0-5 years = Excellent
- ◆ 5-7 years = Good
- ◆ 7-15 years = Fair
- ◆ 15-25 years = Poor
- ◆ 25-35 years = Very Poor

Streets and curbs free of damage are safer for pedestrians, cyclists, and cars. Additionally, properly maintained streets enhance the visual appeal of the City and make it attractive to home buyers and business customers.



***Cost to resurface a street in Poor or Very Poor condition can cost 4-5 times more than the cost to repair when in Fair condition.***  
(source: International Journal for Technological Research in Engineering; V4, Issue 3, Nov 2016)