



February 24, 2021

Sue F. McCormick, Chief Executive Officer  
Great Lakes Water Authority  
735 Randolph, Suite 1900  
Detroit, Michigan 48226

**RE: Public Comment on GLWA Notice of Public Hearing for the Proposed Sewerage Service Charges for the City of Highland Park for Fiscal Year 2022**

Dear Ms. McCormick:


Please find below our public comments regarding the proposed sewerage service charges for the City of Highland Park for Fiscal Year 2022. Please note the below information should be formally entered on record.

**Sewerage Service Charges:**

The City of Highland Park continues to disagree with the current billing methodology by the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) for sewer treatment. GLWA and its predecessor have overcharged the City of Highland Park for sewer services by failing to follow billing methodology resolved with a 1996 Settlement Agreement incorporated into a Federal Court Consent Judgment. In addition, even after recently acknowledging overcharging the City of Highland Park more than three times the retail sales volume for dry weather over the past several years, the overall sewer bill charged to Highland Park is proposed to increase again. As requested last year, although the City of Highland Park is currently billed as a D+ non-metered customer, no information has been received by city officials to date on the official process to become a metered customer. We are requesting the City of Highland Park be billed with the same rate and methodology as other wholesale sewer metered customers.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Highland Park City Hall office at (313) 252-0050.

Sincerely,

  
Hubert Yopp, Mayor  
City of Highland Park