



CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK

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Office of the Water Department
Director – Damon L. Garrett, PE

September 26, 2017

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 Non-Contract Water Service Charges for the City of Highland Park for Fiscal Year 2017/18

Dear Ms. McCormick:

In response to your Proposed Non-Contract Water Service Charges, please note the below information should be formally entered on the record.

Water Rates charged to Highland Park residential and commercial water users are subject to various Federal Court consent judgments, with Court ordered water rates, and standby water supply contracts required by Michigan law. Public hearings and other ad hoc and unilateral actions by GLWA do not override court ordered water rates and do no dispense with the requirements of Federal and State law and contracts entered by Highland Park thereunder. Further, all legally instituted water rates for Highland Park must be approved by public hearings of the Highland Park City Council, not hearings by GLWA, under both the Federal Clean Water Act and Michigan law.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the customer service center at (313) 865-1876. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Damon L. Garrett".

Damon L. Garrett, PE
Director

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