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To: CEO@GLWATER.org
Subject: February 25, 2026 Public Hearing on Service Charges Proposed for Fiscal Year 2027
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Please have the attached certified resolution from the City Council of the City of Madison Heights included for testimony at the Public Hearing on Service Charges Proposed for Fiscal Year 2027.

Thank you,

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The following is an excerpt from the Regular Meeting of the Madison Heights City Council, Madison Heights, Oakland County, Michigan held on February 23, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. Eastern Time.

Present: Mayor Haines and Mayor Pro Tem Mier. Councilmembers: Aaron, Fleming, Gerald, Rohrbach, and Wright.

Absent: None.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights is a member-partner community of the Great Lakes Water Authority (“GLWA”) and purchases wholesale water from GLWA; and

WHEREAS, GLWA has proposed wholesale water and sewer service charge increases for Fiscal Year 2027, with average systemwide increases of approximately 6.83% for water service; and

WHEREAS, these proposed increases exceed GLWA’s overall budget growth and will result in higher wholesale charges to member communities, regardless of local consumption trends; and

WHEREAS, the City of Madison Heights does not control GLWA wholesale rates and is required to pass through these increased costs to residents and businesses through local utility rates; and

WHEREAS, GLWA has identified declining water demand and reduced investment earnings as contributing factors, resulting in higher per-unit costs that disproportionately impact ratepayers even as overall water usage declines; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the State of Michigan, including the City of Madison Heights are concurrently facing significant financial obligations associated with state-mandated lead service line replacement requirements, which are largely unfunded mandates without a permanent, dedicated funding source; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative effect of rising wholesale water and sewer rates, unfunded infrastructure mandates, inflationary construction costs, and aging utility systems places increasing financial strain on local governments and residents alike; and

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Assessing	858-0776	Fire Department	583-3605	Nature Center	585-0100
City Clerk	583-0826	43rd District Court	583-1800	Police Department	585-2100
City Manager	583-0829	Housing Commission	583-0843	Purchasing	837-2602
Community Development	583-0831	Human Resources	583-0828	Recreation	589-2294
Department of Public Services	589-2294	Library	588-7763	Senior Citizen Center	545-3464
Finance	583-0846	Mayor & City Council	583-0829	Water & Treasurer	583-0845

WHEREAS, access to clean, safe, and affordable water is a fundamental public necessity, and rate increases should be balanced against the ability of households to absorb additional costs; and

WHEREAS, GLWA has scheduled a public hearing on the proposed FY 2027 water and sewer service charges, providing an opportunity for member-partner communities to comment and advocate on behalf of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Madison Heights formally opposes the proposed FY 2027 GLWA wholesale water and sewer rate increases as currently presented, due to their impact on affordability for residents and businesses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the GLWA Board of Directors.

CERTIFICATION:

I, Cheryl E. Rottmann, the duly appointed City Clerk of the City of Madison Heights, County of Oakland, State of Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a resolution adopted by the Madison Heights City Council at their Regular Meeting held on February 23, 202.



Cheryl E. Rottmann
City Clerk