

CITY OF HIGHLAND PARK PRESS RELEASE

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GLWA Response

Highland Park, MI – Now that GLWA’s manufactured overcharges have sailed through the courts, Highland Parks’ annual water and sewer bills of \$7,000,000, and growing, are almost as much as our total property tax collections of \$9,000,000 per year.

Highland Park cannot afford to pay GLWA charges for the ten trunk lines, major interceptor lines, sewer pipes and transmission lines, from outside of Highland Park, traversing through Highland Park, discharging into the Detroit Interceptor and the Wastewater Treatment Plant. (See, Map Below)

It is unjust and unconscionable for 2000 households with a median household income (MHI) of \$20,000 a year to have a water and sewer bill of \$3,500 per household which is 17.5% of MHI. Federal guidelines state that 2.5% of MHI is the “outer limit” for charges to dispose of sanitary sewage and Highland Park is being charged 7 times the Federal maximum rate.

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