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Tarnetta Carter  
3494 Hurlbut St.  
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Re: Public Comment – Drainage and Sewer Rates

Dear Ms. Carter,

Please accept this letter as a follow-up to your concern addressed to the City of Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) at a previous outreach meeting. In your comment, you expressed concerns regarding the rates for drainage and sewerage.

The rates were reviewed and approved by the Board of Water Commissioners and are based on annual revenue requirement regarding cost of service to convey and treat sewerage and wet weather flows. The drainage charge is separate from the sewerage charge to account for the debt associated with constructed infrastructure for the combined sewer system and the annual revenue requirement of \$150 million dollars to operate and maintain these wet weather facilities. To make sure you are being billed correctly you can visit DWSD's parcel viewer ([www.detroitmi.gov/DWSDparcelviewer](http://www.detroitmi.gov/DWSDparcelviewer)) to verify your property data.

If you have further questions you can contact our customer care center at 313-267-8000 option 6 to speak with a representative.

We also appreciate your comment an interest regarding drainage rate and charges.

Respectfully,

*Lisa Wallick*

Lisa Wallick, P.E.  
Stormwater Management Group Program Manager

cc: Honorable Board of Water Commissioners