

East Bay Charter Township

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Monday, November 10, 2008

Mr. Glen Lile
East Bay Township Supervisor
1965 North Three Mile Road
Traverse City, Michigan 49686

Re: Fire Suppression Tax

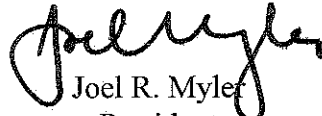
Dear Mr. Lile:

Thank you for meeting last Thursday to discuss the fire suppression fees that the Township is charging. As we discussed, I believe there are some reasonable changes that can be made to your current fee structure to make it fairer to business owners and users of the water system. Among other things, the fire suppression fee that is now being charged to business owners with systems in place prior to the new ordinance should be discontinued. Either benefit charges for new fire suppression systems and/or water rates could be raised to offset the elimination of charging "already in place" systems.

At your suggestion, I am now asking that I be placed on the December 8th agenda for the Township Board so that this issue may be discussed with the board members.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,


Joel R. Mylet
President

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Thursday, November 20, 2008

Re: East Bay Township Fire Suppression Tax

Dear Fire Suppression System Owner:

As you know, in November, 2006, East Bay Township enacted an ordinance that taxes our fire suppression systems. We now have to pay quarterly fees regardless of whether our systems use water.

I feel that the fire suppression tax is unfair, arbitrary, and not necessary. After two preliminary meetings with the East Bay Township Supervisor, the issue has been placed on the agenda for discussion at the December 8, 2008 Township Board Meeting.

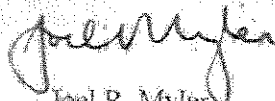
I am going to voice my opposition to the quarterly charge and ask that it be repealed. I believe that if it is necessary to raise additional revenue for the water system, then the Township could do it through user fees and benefit charges.

I am notifying you of the meeting so that you may attend if you wish. The Township Board meeting is on December 8th in the East Bay Township Hall. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to express your viewpoint on this issue perhaps you can attend the meeting or send a letter to the Township Supervisor.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or comments please contact me.

Respectfully yours,



Joel R. Myler
President

November 22,2008

Stanley Jaroh
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East Bay Township
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I am unable to attend the Township Board meeting to be held on December 8, 2008; therefore I am sending through mail my viewpoint on the ordinance regarding taxes on fire suppression systems.

Please be advised that when I finished building my ten unit apartment complex at 3495 Holiday Road the taxation department of East Bay Township accessed me for the total value of the building which also included the fire suppression system. If you try to tax it again, that's double taxation. Further more, my system is just sitting there filled with water without having been used as of yet and I am now paying the DPW \$40.00 each quarter.

If you wish to contact me regarding my comments I can be reached at 231-645-7222.
Thank you.

Sincerely,



Stanley Jaroh