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IN REPLY REFER TO FILE NO.

Mr. Pasquale Martorana  
[pasmartorana@yahoo.com](mailto:pasmartorana@yahoo.com)

EP-1

**Re: Freedom of Information Act Request**

Dear Mr. Martorana:

On January 12, 2015, the Village of Elmwood Park received your January 10, 2015, Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140/1 *et seq.*) ("FOIA") request for the following records:

- “1. Documents which set forth the rates charged to the Village of Elmwood Park for water supply/consumption by the City of Chicago for the 2015 calendar year.
2. Documents which set forth the rates charged to residents by the Village of Elmwood Park for water consumption for the calendar year 2015.
3. Documents which set forth the rates charged to the Village of Elmwood Park for water supply/consumption by the City of Chicago for the 2014 calendar year.
4. Documents which set forth the rates charged to residents by the Village of Elmwood Park for water consumption for the calendar year 2014.
5. Documents which set forth the rates charged to the Village of Elmwood Park for water supply/consumption by the City of Chicago for the 2013 calendar year.
6. Documents which set forth the rates charged to residents by the Village of Elmwood Park for water consumption for the calendar year 2013.
7. Documents, to the extent they exist, that set forth the rates that the City of Chicago will charge the Village of Elmwood Park for water for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018.”

Enclosed are records responsive to your FOIA request. However, please be advised that certain information in the records being provided has been determined to be exempt from disclosure under FOIA, and that information has been redacted from the records being provided.

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Section 7(1)(b) of FOIA provides that "private information" is exempt from disclosure. "Private information" is defined in FOIA as, "unique identifiers, including a person's social security number, driver's license number, employee identification number, biometric identifiers, personal financial information, passwords or other access codes, medical records, home or personal telephone numbers, and personal email addresses. Private information also includes home address and personal license plates, except as otherwise provided by law or when compiled without possibility of attribution to any person." 5 ILCS 140/2(c-5). Consequently, certain unique identifiers, including signatures, have been redacted from the records being provided.

The person responsible for the decision to deny a portion of your FOIA request is the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer, Gina Pesko. In accordance with Section 9(a) of FOIA, you are hereby notified that you have the right to file a request for review regarding the decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer with the Public Access Counselor at the Illinois Attorney General's Office. You can file your request for review with the Public Access Counselor by writing to:

Sarah Pratt  
Public Access Counselor  
Office of the Attorney General  
500 South 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
Fax: 217-782-1396  
E-mail: [publicaccess@atg.state.il.us](mailto:publicaccess@atg.state.il.us)

If you choose to file a request for review with the Public Access Counselor, you must do so within 60 calendar days of the date of this letter. Please note that you must include a copy of your original FOIA request and this letter when filing a request for review with the Public Access Counselor.


You are also notified that you have the right to judicial review regarding the decision made by the Village of Elmwood Park Freedom of Information Officer pursuant to Section 11 of FOIA.

Sincerely,

STORINO, RAMELLO & DURKIN  
Attorneys for the Village of Elmwood Park

  
Erin C. Tinaglia

Enclosures

**Sec. 51-45: Water And Sewer Rates:**  

The rate of charge for water and sewer services supplied to any building, structure or premises, the water supply of which is measured and registered by meter, shall be as follows:

- (a) Effective January 1, 2012, eight dollars fifty one cents (\$8.51) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water supplied; effective January 1, 2014, nine dollars seventy nine cents (\$9.79) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water supplied; effective January 1, 2015, eleven dollars twenty six cents (\$11.26) for each one thousand (1,000) gallons of water supplied.
- (b) Effective January 1, 2012, a minimum charge of thirty eight dollars thirty cents (\$38.30) per bimonthly period shall be assessed to any customer whose bill calculated at the regular rate amounts to less than thirty eight dollars thirty cents (\$38.30) per bimonthly period. Effective January 1, 2014, a minimum charge of forty four dollars six cents (\$44.06) per bimonthly period shall be assessed to any customer whose bill calculated at the regular rate amounts to less than forty four dollars six cents (\$44.06) per bimonthly period. Effective January 1, 2015, a minimum charge of fifty dollars sixty seven cents (\$50.67) per bimonthly period shall be assessed to any customer whose bill calculated at the regular rate amounts to less than fifty dollars sixty seven cents (\$50.67) per bimonthly period. (Ord., 11-19-1973, § 1; Ord., 3-21-1977, § 1; Ord., 4-4-1981, § 1; Ord. 87-10, 10-6-1987, § 1; Ord. 89-12, 6-5-1989, § 1; Ord. 91-7, 7-15-1991, § 1; Ord. 91-28, 12-16-1991, § 1; Ord. 96-06, 3-4-1996, § 1; Ord. 97-05, 4-21-1997, § 1; Ord. 2000-3, 3-6-2000, § 1; Ord. 2002-31, 5-6-2002, § 1; Ord. 2004-16, 5-17-2004, § 1; Ord. 2004-25, 12-20-2004, § 1; Ord. 2007-12, 7-16-2007, § 1; Ord. 2007-21, 12-3-2007, eff. 1-1-2008; Ord. 2011-23, 12-5-2011; Ord. 2012-12, 8-6-2012.)



DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

October 19, 2011

Village Of Elmwood Park  
11 Conti Parkway  
Elmwood Park, IL 60707  
Attention: Mr. Dino Braglia  
Superintendent Of Water

Re: City of Chicago 2012 Budget  
4-Year Proposed Rate Increase

Dear Valued Municipal Water Customer:

We are writing to notify you that last week the City of Chicago's 2012 Budget was introduced to Chicago City Council. Please be advised that this Budget includes a 4-year water rate increase as follows:

January 1, 2012:	25%
January 1, 2013:	15%
January 1, 2014:	15%
January 1, 2015:	15%

The rates will increase as follows:

Per 1,000 gallons		Impact per 1,000 gallons
Current	\$2.01	
January 1, 2012:	\$2.51	\$0.50
January 1, 2013:	\$2.88	\$0.37
January 1, 2014:	\$3.31	\$0.43
January 1, 2015:	\$3.81	\$0.50

**For 1,000 Cubic Feet**

Current	\$15.00
January 1, 2012:	\$18.75
January 1, 2013:	\$21.56
January 1, 2014:	\$24.80
January 1, 2015:	\$28.52

With this water rate increase the Department of Water Management will be investing in our infrastructure, Water Purification Plants and Pumping Stations. It is our goal to accelerate our program to replace water mains which have exceeded their 100 year useful life, including feeder mains. This will provide a more robust, reliable and efficient system. We will also be investing in upgrades to our Plants including a new roof for the Jardine Water Purification Plant and new electrical switchgear at our South Water Purification Plant. We will be converting 4 pumping stations that serve both the City and suburban customers from steam power to electric.



In 2007 the Chicago City Council passed a 3-year rate increase (2008, 2009 and 2010). In addition to addressing the increasing costs of utilities, chemicals and construction, that rate increase allowed us to plan, design and construct over 125 miles of water main at a cost of \$425 Million as well as design and program construction over \$260 million for our treatment and pumping facilities.

I am enclosing PowerPoint slides explaining our rate increase and its impact to you, our suburban customer.

We will continue to invest to efficiently maintain and upgrade all of our assets used to deliver water to over 5 Million people in the Chicagoland area.

Should you have any questions, please call me at (312) 744-7001.

Sincerely,

  
  
Thomas H. Powers, P.E.  
Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

November 16, 2012

Village Of Elmwood Park  
11 Conti Parkway  
Elmwood Park, IL. 60707

Attention: Mr. Dino Braglia  
Superintendent Of Water

Re: 2013 Water Rates

Dear Valued Municipal Water Customer:

Please be advised that the Chicago City Council approved a series of four yearly water rate increases on November 16, 2011. I am writing to remind you water rates will increase 15% effective January 1, 2013. The rate is as follows:

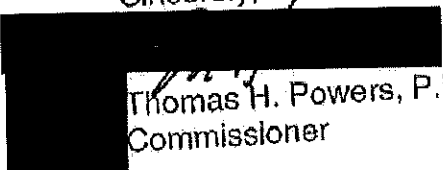
January 1, 2013: \$2.88 per 1,000 gallons (Increase of \$0.37 / 1,000 gal.)

As stated previously, with this water rate increase the Department of Water Management will be investing in our infrastructure, Water Purification Plants and Pumping Stations. It is our goal to accelerate our program to replace water mains which have exceeded their 100 year useful life, including feeder mains. This will provide a more robust, reliable and efficient system. We are also investing in upgrades to our Plants including a new roof for the Jardine Water Purification Plant and new electrical switchgear at our South Water Purification Plant. We are in the process of converting our Springfield Pumping Station and will be converting 3 remaining pumping stations that serve both the City and suburban customers from steam power to electric.

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

November 22, 2013

Village Of Elmwood Park  
11 Conti Parkway  
Elmwood Park, IL. 60707

Attention: Mr. Dino Braglia  
Superintendent Of Water

Re: 2014 Water Rates

Dear Valued Municipal Water Customer:

Please be advised that the Chicago City Council approved a series of four yearly water rate increases on November 16, 2011. I am writing to remind you water rates will increase 15% effective January 1, 2014. The rate is as follows:

January 1, 2014: \$3.31 per 1,000 gallons (Increase of \$0.43 / 1,000 gal.)

As stated previously, with this water rate increase the Department of Water Management will be investing in our infrastructure, Water Purification Plants and Pumping Stations. It is our goal to accelerate our program to replace water mains which have exceeded their 100 year useful life, including feeder mains. This will provide a more robust, reliable and efficient system. We are also investing in upgrades to our Plants including a new roof for the Jardine Water Purification Plant which will be completed in summer of 2014 as well as design of new electrical switchgear at Jardine to start in 2014. At our South Water Purification Plant, we will begin design of new roof in 2014 as well as start construction on new electrical switchgear project. We are in the process of converting our Springfield Pumping Station from steam to electric power which will be completed in summer of 2015. Our next conversion project is Central Park Pumping Station which is already in design phase. Our goal is to convert the 3 remaining pumping stations that serve both the City and suburban customers.

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Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF WATER MANAGEMENT  
CITY OF CHICAGO

November 24, 2014

Village Of Elmwood Park  
11 Conti Parkway  
Elmwood Park, IL. 60707

Attention: Mr. Dino Braglia  
Superintendent Of Water

Re: 2015 Water Rates

Dear Valued Municipal Water Customer:

Please be advised that the Chicago City Council approved a series of four yearly water rate increases on November 16, 2011. I am writing to remind you water rates will increase 15% effective January 1, 2015. The new rate will be as follows:

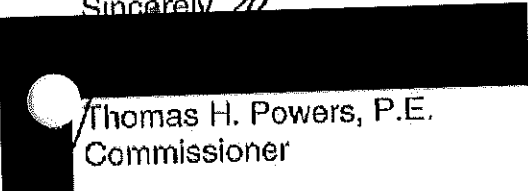
January 1, 2015: \$3.81 per 1,000 gallons (Increase of \$0.50 / 1,000 gal.)

As stated previously, with this water rate increase the Department of Water Management will be investing in our infrastructure, Water Purification Plants and Pumping Stations. It is our goal to accelerate our program to replace water mains which have exceeded their 100 year useful life, including feeder mains. This will provide a more robust, reliable and efficient system. We are also investing in upgrades to our Plants including a new roof for the Jardine Water Purification Plant which was completed in summer of 2014 as well as design of new electrical switchgear at Jardine to be completed late 2015. At our South Water Purification Plant, we began the design of new roof in 2014 as well as started construction on new electrical switchgear project. We are in the process of converting our Springfield Pumping Station from steam to electric power which will be completed in summer of 2015. Our next conversion project is Central Park Pumping Station which is already in design phase. Our goal is to convert the 3 remaining pumping stations that serve both the City and suburban customers.

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