



**Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

48B

October 22, 2018

**Date**

Communication from Rick and Brenda Olson, objecting to the connection fee.

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COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
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TOTAL				

**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

RICK AND BRENDA OLSON  
3012 E. 31<sup>ST</sup> CT  
DES MOINES, IA 50317

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October 19, 2018

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Diane Rauh  
City Clerk, Des Moines, IA  
City Hall  
400 Robert D. Ray Drive  
Des Moines, IA 50309

CITY CLERK  
DES MOINES, IA

Attention: Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa  
Subject: Objection to the proposed connection fee ordinance establishing the Little Four Mile Sanitary Sewer Benefited District.

We are property owners within the proposed "benefited district".

We object to the proposed connection fee ordinance for the following reasons:

- a. Our 20 acres has a single dwelling unit and it is located in unincorporated Polk County bordering to the west and south with the city of Pleasant Hill. Pleasant Hill's sanitary sewer system is within 100 yards of our property.
- b. To connect to your sewer, it can reasonably be expected that we will have to allow the City of Des Moines to voluntarily annex our property. Our fire protection is provided by Delaware Township. It is believed that their fire protection is superior to what the City of Des Moines can provide at this time.
- c. To establish the connection fee of \$4234.00, it would appear that the cost of the sanitary sewer project was merely divided by the 634 benefiting acres within the established Benefited District. We object to said formula.
- d. We have been told that the connection fee is proportionately reduced for those dwellings that sit on a parcel that is less than one acre. To suggest that the connection fee should be 75% cheaper for a home that sits on  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre compared to a home that sits on 1 acre, defies logic. We object.
- e. Our 20 acres is agricultural land. To require an interest rate of 3.5% per annum ad infinitum per acre unfairly shifts the burden of financing this project from the owner of a lot to an owner of an acreage. We object. (Several acres of our land falls dramatically towards a creek bottom, and depending upon the depth of your sanitary sewer, this part of our property, if developed in the future, may not be able to utilize your system.) We object.
- f. The City of Des Moines is overreaching, wanting non-City residents to finance their project. We object.

- g. It seems wrong that the City Council, that doesn't stand for election in our unincorporated area, can pass an ordinance that affects our property. We object.

Solution:

1. Pass the ordinance, but exempt parcels that border other municipalities i.e. Pleasant Hill.

OR

2. Seek a different financing method.

OR

3. Divide the cost of the project by the number of buildings/residences, not the number of acres, that could foreseeably connect to the system. All connection fees would be the same regardless of the size of your parcel. If the connection fee needs to be inflated to cover the cost of interest, so be it.

Thank you for your consideration.

  
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RICK L. OLSON

  
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BRENDA R. OLSON

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CITY CLERK  
DES MOINES, IA

To: The City Clerk

Des Moines City Council

From: Jeffrey L. Brady

5710 NE 27th

Altona, Ia (in DSM city limits)

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I would like to register my objections

to the Little Four mile trunk sanitary sewer construction.

I see no reason to disturb my property with

sewer line installation that would involve digging

up the entire frontage of my property. I will not

be hooking up to it anyway.

There are only 4 or 5 residences to the east

that might benefit by this, and while I cannot

speak for them, I doubt they will hook up

either. Please save the city considerable

money and do not come down our road.

You might also consider letting our properties

revert back to the county

Thanks  
Jeffrey L. Brady

JEFFERY BRADY  
5710 NE 27TH AVE  
ALTOONA, IA 50009-9412

**NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS**

**LITTLE FOUR MILE TRUNK SANITARY SEWER**

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, is considering the construction of the Little Four Mile Trunk Sanitary Sewer, and has caused to be placed on file for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Des Moines, Iowa, a proposed connection fee ordinance establishing the Little Four Mile Sanitary Sewer Benefited District, pursuant to which ordinance, a connection fee would be imposed upon the owners of properties within said district who make application to connect their properties to said sewer.

**Description of Sewer Facility to be Constructed**

The Little Four Mile Trunk Sanitary Sewer is a sanitary sewer designed to serve the Little Four Mile Trunk Sanitary Sewer Benefited District described as follows:

The project consists of two separate reaches of sewer. The first reach is located along NE 56<sup>th</sup> Street from the south side of the Iowa Interstate Railroad northerly. The second reach is located along the westerly side of Highway 65 from about NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street northerly.

**Cost Estimate**

The estimated cost to design and construct that portion of the Little Four Mile Trunk Sanitary Sewer designed to serve the Little Four Mile Trunk Sanitary Sewer Benefited District is \$2,684,356.00 for a \$4,234.00 connection fee for each of the 634 benefiting acres within the established Benefited District.

**General Description of Benefited District**

The area that the Little Four Mile Trunk Sanitary Sewer is designed to serve, to be known as the Little Four Mile Trunk Sanitary Sewer Benefited District, is described as follows:

This district is located in the area lying north of the Iowa Interstate Railroad right-of-way, south of E Broadway Avenue, west of Highway 65, and generally east of E 50<sup>th</sup> Street on the north and E 54<sup>th</sup> Street on the south.