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City of Fayetteville
Public Works Commission
Fayetteville, North Carolina

UTILITY ASSESSMENT APPEAL

This form is provided as a means for presenting an appeal of a water and/or sewer assessment by the City of Fayetteville. The City of Fayetteville by and through The Public Works Commission is governed by the General Statutes of North Carolina. Under the General Statutes, an assessment is treated as a tax for collection purposes. Under General Statute 105-381 a tax may be released for the following:

1. A tax imposed through clerical error;
2. An illegal tax
3. A tax levied for an illegal purpose.

If the above statutory requirements are applicable please read and follow the instructions below:

Complete the required contact information below (print or type) and attach a written statement of your position on the assessment lien. Please include any documentation that supports your claim. Mail this form, your written statement and all documentation to:

Public Works Commission
Attention: Assessment Department
P O Box 1089
Fayetteville, NC 28302-1089

PWC will forward your information to the appropriate personnel at the City of Fayetteville who will respond back to you within 90 days.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Property Owner Name: Winkler, Wendell & Ann Marie

Mailing Address: 3162 Butterworth Drive Fayetteville NC

Parcel Identification Number: _____

Property Address: 3162 Butterworth Drive Fayetteville NC

Home Telephone #: (910) 416-3251 Work Telephone #: ~~(910) 416~~ 910-391-2575

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To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to start by thanking you for your services and informing PWC that we have successfully connected to city water. However, we do not desire to connect to the sewer system at this time. By connecting to the sewer lines, it would cause an unnecessary financial strain. We purchased our property at 3162 Bittersweet Drive approximately 5 years ago. We not only had an inspection of our septic system, but the previous owners had just recently spent \$10,000 replacing the septic lines.

We met with 2 different PWC project managers at our home and it was brought to our attention that the sewer ends at the very start of our property line. We are the last house on a dead-end street and despite the original plans (told to us by PWC) to extend the sewer to the end of the street, it was modified to stop the sewer line short to decrease project costs. This has a great impact on our ability to connect because the septic tank is much further down our property, making the distance from septic to sewer significant. This means a much higher cost in parts and labor as opposed to the fees most of our neighbors incurred. In other words, instead of a straight connection directly in front of our septic like the other properties we would have to go across our yard long ways at a diagonal. The plumber also informed us that due to the gradient of land we would also have to have the pipes significantly deeper than the average connection that would in turn cross over and/or destroy relatively new septic lines.

We do not believe it to be fair that PWC's decision to save money should be at our expense. We should not be held responsible for the assessment fee, especially considering we do not even have sewer access directly in front of our home. We have presented this information with the desire to appeal these additional charges. We appreciate your services and are aware that in the future if there are any issues with our septic and require us to hook up to the sewer, we may then be charged for these fees. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely ,


Winkler Oxendine (910-416-3251)


Lauren Oxendine (901-391-2575)