

January 12, 2006

Jon Dickey
127 Washington
Gardiner Me 04345

Re: Sewer Billing Abatement

Dear Mr. Dickey,

This letter is to follow up our discussions regarding an abatement for sewer billing charges related to your property at 127 Washington Street.

As you are aware on Nov. 15, 2005 the city upon your request via a building permit and physical inspection of your property down rated your home from an Equivalent User Rating (EUR) of 2.00 to 1.00 for the purposes of sewer billing.

You have pointed out that long before 9/30/2001 (the date the sewer charges changed) your home was physically changed from two family to one family. You purchased your home in September of 2000 and this change was made by the former owner before you actually purchased the home. You have also provided a copy of the real estate listing from when you purchased your home and pointed out that the home is not listed as a two unit structure..

We have discussed the city requirement of obtaining a "Building Permit" and the necessary inspection to verify that the property has been physically altered to only allow for one family and that this had not been carried out by the property owner at the time of construction.

You had originally requested an abatement of \$868.09. Since that time the city has calculated the current amount should this abatement be requested at \$940.82.

The Wastewater Superintendent authorization for abatement purposes is limited to \$150. Abatement requests above \$150 must be authorized by the Gardiner City Council.

Your abatement request is scheduled to go before the Gardiner City Council on Jan. 19, 2006. The meeting begins at 7pm. If you desire I invite you to attend and participate in this discuss with the City Council.

Thank you for your helping me piece together this unusual and unfortunate set of circumstances that have resulted in this situation.

Best Regards,

Charles M. Applebee
Wastewater Superintendent, City of Gardiner