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Re: Street Lighting

Dear Property Owner:

The Denison Acres Subdivision Homeowner Association requested and is receiving street lighting pursuant to an Agreement dated November 5, 1984 and signed by George Burkett, President and Elaine Wiita, Secretary of the Denison Acres Homeowners Association. The city bills the Association on a quarterly basis for the lighting. At this time your association is now over a year in arrears. Charges not paid after 60 days are deemed delinquent, enforceable as a tax lien and collected as the case of general property tax. At this time your association owes \$1,070.72. These charges are for lighting through the first quarter (March 2006).

Pursuant to Sections 3 and 4 of the Lighting Agreement, the city is requesting the discontinuance of the lighting for non-payment. Detroit Edison does not "turn off" a light; they physically remove the poles and light fixtures. There are charges for removal that will be assessed to the Association and/or property owners. Detroit Edison determines the amount of removal charge based on the type/amount of lighting to be removed. Charges for removal will be added to any lighting amount owing. The entire amount owing to include the removal will be assessed, pro rata, against each parcel and certified as delinquent. These amounts will be certified as delinquent and assigned to the Winter 2006 Tax Roll to be collected as general property tax.

The city will not continue to expend resources as a collection agency. Your association had a large outstanding bill in 2003; at that time, the homeowners paid its arrears and avoided light removal. Since then, the city has had no response to the billings sent and has received no payments. If you wish to continue lighting, the only option now is to become a special assessment district as outlined in Chapter 90 of the Rochester Hills Code of Ordinance. This process requires petitions, public hearing at City Council, and assessment notices/billings to each property owner with the bills being due on April 1 of each year.

Please contact the Clerk's Office if you wish to have petitions to convert your association's lighting agreement to a special assessment district. Please contact the Clerk's Office at 248-656-4630.

Yours truly,


Jane Leslie, City Clerk