



October 8, 2015

**Via Email**

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RE: FOIA Request for records related to the shut and restoration of residential and non-residential accounts; Non-residential customers 60 days past due and scheduled for termination of service as of August 2015; Any postponed service terminations base on litigation, negotiations or agreements between non-residential customers and DWSD from 1/01/2014 to present

Dear Ms. Levy:

This letter serves as the City of Detroit's response to the above-referenced matter. Your letter was received at the Detroit Water & Sewerage Department (DWSD) on September 18, 2015 via facsimile. Your request is granted in part and denied in part as follows:

1. Items I, II and III of your request are granted as to records of residential water terminations for non-payment, illegal usage and the restoration of service for each from June 1, 2013 to the present date. However, your request is denied pursuant to MCL 15.234(5) as to requests for information regarding zip codes, because according to DWSD personnel, the record you request does not contain data organized in that fashion. Additionally, your request pertaining to street addresses of shuts for non-payment is denied, as that information constitutes information of a personal nature, and is exempt from disclosure pursuant to MCL 15.243(1)(a).
2. Items IV and V of your request is denied pursuant to MCL 15.234(5) because according to DWSD personnel, the records you request do not contain data organized in that fashion. Please be advised that the public body is not obligated to create a record, list, or summary of information that does not already exist.

Please be advised that, pursuant to Section 10 of the Michigan Freedom of Information Act, being MCL 15.240, a person receiving a written denial of a request may do one of the following:

- 1) Submit a written appeal to the head of the public body denying the request. Such appeal, if submitted, should specifically state the word "appeal" and identify the reason or reasons for reversal of the denial. MCL 15.240(1)(a); or
- 2) Commence an action in the circuit court to compel the disclosure of the public records within 180 days after the public body's denial of the request. MCL 15.240(1)(b). If a court finds that the information withheld by a public body is not exempt from disclosure, the requesting party may receive the requested record and, at the discretion of the court, reasonable attorney fees and/or costs. MCL 15.240(6) and (7).



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Please be advised that you can review DWSD's Michigan Freedom of Information Act Procedures and Guidelines and Written Public Summary at [www.dwsd.org](http://www.dwsd.org).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LaTanya Whitfield". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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