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District 5

Temacle Broughton

July 25, 2021

Mayor, Objections to Non Ad Valorem Assessments
P.O Box 12910
Pensacola, Fl. 32521

Re: Parcel ID#: 00-0S-00-9025-011-282
1420 E. Bobe Street

To whom it may concern,

I received your letter of July 22, 2021 advising me of an increase in my stormwater tax. I have reviewed the contents and noticed that the ESU of 1.45 for my property is incorrect. It should be adjusted to 1.26 instead. I pulled my plot map and my buildings occupy 2,201.96 sq ft. I also measured the driveway, sidewalks and patios on my 60 foot by 132.5 foot lot and they cover 1,584.15 sq ft. Hence total of 3,786.11 divided by 2,998 = 1.26 ESU ratio.

Please adjust my ESU to 1.26. I would suggest that your assumption that my water drainage from all of my structures heads to the streets. It does not. My soil is very sandy and absorbs the water quickly. I have watched water flow during heavy rains and it drains towards my interior courtyard patio that is pavers with sand base and gaps. It collects most of the water and absorbs quickly into my soil. So what I am trying to say, not all properties in the city are discharging to the streets (hence a flaw in your taxation assumption ratio). I've also noticed in my neighborhood of East Hill that the street flooding happens because there are not enough stormwater drains to take the water away, hence street flooding happens by pooling of water.

On a bigger picture, I used to be a city planner for the City of Monroe, Louisiana and had to deal with FEMA and city engineers in devising a flood ordinance that would mitigate storm water drainage issues (we called it back water flooding). What we found was that the drainage system was old and not built to absorb heavy downpours. We recommended the following to the city council to assist in reducing flooding in the city:

1. Have city sanitation crews clear out storm drains in advance of storms coming. We encouraged residents not to rake leaves and branches into the streets (but bag their debris up for trash pickup. Our current sanitation debris pickup team is lacking in their timeliness of pickup (sometimes 2 weeks instead of weekly)
2. We built various city soccer fields lower than ground level to act as storm water collection during the rainy season, and also act as recreation fields during other times.
3. Enforce city building laws to prevent total coverage of commercial lots with concrete parking lots (hence a landscape ordinance for trees and shrubs on the lot) I have first hand knowledge in East Hill that this enforcement of the building limitation coverage in rear yards in Pensacola is not being enforced with new home construction. Many of the new homes are covering close to 85% of the lot.
4. Install new storm drains to connect to underground drainage pipes where possible to facilitate the flow of storm water to drainage canals, creeks and water basins.
5. Support Arbor Day activities and encourage businesses to sponsor landscaping of city property.

If you need to send someone to my property to confirm my measurements, please contact me at 850-206-5581 so I can unlock my fence gates, Thank you again for making the adjustment to my ESU.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rich Hopes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rich" and last name "Hopes" clearly distinguishable.

Rich Hopes
1420 E. Bobe Street
850-206-5581

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Dist 1

Jennifer Brahier

Parcel ID#: 15-15-29-1168-049-001

Legal Description: LT 49 B1A A Hidden Oaks

Final Edition PB 13 P 580

Sequence Number: PS-12723

Wanda Alethia Brewer

5168 Yester Oaks Circle

Pensacola, FL 32504-4318

Net Equivalent Stormwater Units ESC:

I am writing this to voice my objection to any increase cost for ESC by City of Pensacola.

I strongly object to any increase by the City of Pensacola of ESU costs. Those of us living within city limits are ALREADY paying additional taxes charged by the City above and beyond what we would if we did NOT live within the city limits!!

During this time when most of us are hurting financially just to make our day-to-day living expenses possible and to pay our normal expenses IF the City of Pensacola increased these ESU costs it would add an additional burden upon us.

I STRONGLY recommend the City of Pensacola does NOT increase ESU costs

and the additional cost burden on those of us who live within the Pensacola City limits.

Before I moved within City limits I was told by several people DON'T move within City limits they add lots of extra taxes and expenses to everything!! Now I really understand what they meant.

Those of us who live within Pensacola City limits should be the ones voting on and approving OR disapproving City additional cost increases

I STRONGLY OBJECT to any ESC increase!!!

Wanda Althia Brewer
26 July 2021

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July 28, 2021

Mayor: Objections to Non-ad Valorem Assessments

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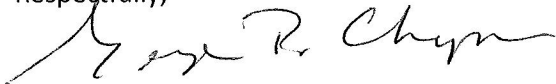
Pensacola, FL 32521

I live at 3103 E Desoto Street, Parcel ID# 05-2S-29-5905-024-026 and have been living here since 1982. We have never had sidewalks or even curbs on our block in all the time we have lived here.

What does this stormwater assessment even do and why do only city residents have to pay this on top of already paying city taxes on everything. I think it is something we should not have to fund.

I am retired and my wife will be retiring next year and these taxes make it difficult to live on a limited income.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George R. Chapman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "C".

George R Chapman

3103 East DeSoto Street

Pensacola, FL 32503

REC'D 08/04/21
Sent to Finance letter

To whom this may CONCERN:

I am writing to object to this so called
ASSESSMENT FOR STORM WATER RUN OFF.

THE WATER RUN OFF HAS NOT BEEN A
PROBLEM till now. This is just ANOTHER
TAX ON HOME OWNERS. WE ARE SUFFERING
THE EFFECTS OF COVID AND HIGHER
FEDERAL TAX. PROPERTY TAX COLLECTION
IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH AND WE DON'T
WANT OR NEED A CALIFORNIA TAX AS THIS.

BEST REGARDS:

KENNETH FOX

3570 TYLER AVE

PENSACOLA, FL 32503

rec'd 08/09/21

August 5, 2021

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P.O. Box 12910
Pensacola, Florida 32521

To Whom It May Concern:

Parcel identification - 00-0S-00-9025-002-282

With respect to your notice dated July 22, the Notice of Stormwater Service Assessment, I wish to register an objection to the calculation of such an assessment. In 2011 I appeared before the City Council regarding this same issue, requesting accommodation for the work that I performed to eliminate a portion of the stormwater runoff from my parcel. The council turned to an engineer, present at the meeting, who simply stated that the formula is applied as written. End of discussion.

The city's ability to respond to climate changes will require the cooperation of the citizenry. There are many instances of the city providing tax credits to spur economic development. I again suggest that to gain cooperation in reducing stormwater runoff, which will reduce the maintenance costs associated with managing stormwater runoff, that the city offer an accommodation to property owners who are engaged in maintaining systems that direct stormwater away from runoff and onto their property.

A simple affidavit can be provided for the property owner through which he can attest to the mitigation strategy. Once the affidavit is submitted, a quick inspection by the city could result in a recalculation of a parcel's Net Equivalent Stormwater Units. This would benefit the city and property owners, potentially creating a joint effort to reduce stormwater runoff.

Respectfully,



Mr. Alexander Kozmon
2320 North 14th Avenue