

**CITY OF FERNDALE
RESOLUTION 2008 –
Moratorium on Detroit Water and Sewer Rate Increases**

At a Regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, held in the Council Chambers at 300 E. Nine Mile, Ferndale MI 48220 on the 22nd day of December, 2008

The following Resolution was moved by, and seconded by :

The City of Detroit through its Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) supplies water and wastewater services to much of southeastern Michigan; and

The proficient and efficient provision of service by DWSD is essential to the health and welfare of the citizens of southeastern Michigan; and

DWSD is a regional system that must be accountable to the regional customers; and

The communities served by the regional system have been paying ever increasing water and sewer bills for several years; and

The DWSD is contemplating raising water rates 6% to 10% and sewer rates by as much as 13% to 17% in 2009; and

The residents of southeastern Michigan are facing ever increasing financial challenges in the current climate of economic decline; and

Consumers have been asked to conserve water and reduce usage and should not be penalized by rate increases far above the rate of inflation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ferndale City Council requests that the Detroit Water Board and the Detroit City Council find means through cost-cutting rather than rate increases to compensate for the DWSD's falling revenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ferndale City Council requests that the Detroit Water Board and the Detroit City Council place a moratorium on water and sewer rate increases for Fiscal Year 2009.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

RESOLUTION

I, J. Cherilynn Tallman, the duly appointed City clerk of the City of Ferndale, Oakland County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Ferndale at a meeting held on December 22, 2008, the original of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my official signature on this 23rd day of December, 2008.

J. Cherilynn Tallman, City Clerk