

To the Buchanan City Commission;

I received this letter which I have attached on 5/14/ 2021 and would like to take this opportunity to have my objection heard .

I have been in the process of having the occupants of 204 South Redbud evicted from the property for over a year. The reasons included not paying rent, not paying utility bills, and not taking care of the property. I have received ordinance complaints from officer Dick Man for trash accumulation, yard mowing and etc. I have talked with Renee Cornwell about this situation and I requested that the water be turned off at this property. She said her hands are tied.

In the past when renters exceeded their \$200 deposit their water would be turned off . Because of the ruling by the Governor of Michigan , all measures to control the activities of this family were negated . The city who controls the water could not turn it off, I could not evict them and they were left to do as they pleased . Approximately 2 weeks ago either by accident or purposely they set a fire in the house resulting in about \$75000 in damage. The Fire Marshall report states there were no electric wires or heat producing elements in the vicinity where the fire started. As far as I know they have not been seen or heard from since .

Now I get a a \$518 water bill from the city because the tenants did not pay for their water. The city couldn't turn the water off because of the governor's decree and I couldn't evict them for the same reason. The city's solution is to charge the property owner for the water . I as a property owner did not have the water in my name. I never consumed one ounce of this water and never discharged anything in to the sewer system but yet I am liable for this bill over which I had no control.

I would like to request that this bill be removed.

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David M. Wishart  
Phone 970 531 9929

# INVOICE



City of Buchanan  
 302 North Redbud Trail  
 Buchanan, MI 49107  
 (269) 695-3844

DUE DATE	INVOICE DATE	TOTAL DUE	PAYMENT AMOUNT
5/28/21	5/10/21	\$ 518.73	
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RETURN THIS PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT

KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

QUANTITY	ITEM CODE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
		Your delinquent water/sewer bill is 6 months past due. If this bill is not paid <u>before May 28, 2021</u> the entire amount will be certified to your Summer 2021 Tax notice.	\$518.73
		<b>Any payment made <u>after</u> May 28, can ONLY be applied to the portion of your utility bill not certified to your 2021 taxes.</b> Once certified: (1) transfer of payments will not be possible., (2) payment must made with your Summer 2021 taxes. Furthermore, there will be a <i>\$50 Tax Transfer Processing Fee</i> added to your past due amount that will also be certified to your 2021 Summer Property Taxes.	
		Any questions regarding this notice may be addressed by contacting Renee Cornwell at 269-695-3844, ext. 11.	
		Thank you!	
		PROPERTY ADDRESS: 204 S REDBUD NAME: JERMAINE GRIHM	
		CITY OF BUCHANAN	<b>TOTAL DUE</b> \$518.73