



MEMORANDUM

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

April 3, 2023, at 7:00 PM

TO: City Council

FROM: Rich LaBombard, City Manager

SUBJECT: Aquatic Weed Control Contract Renewal for 2023

Invasive aquatic weeds present a considerable challenge to water recreation, boating navigation, and the physical appearance of Douglas Harbor. Beginning in 2019, Eurasian Milfoil and duckweed became predominant aquatic species and the City received complaints about the condition of the harbor during the summer season. Since then, the City of Douglas has contracted with Aquatic Dr's of Grand Rapids to treat the harbor with great results. In 2021, an expanded treatment area extending to Union Street boat launch was added to the scope of work.

Once again, it is time to consider a one year contract for Aquatic Dr's to treat the harbor at a cost of \$71,875 per calendar year, including the updated permit fee from the State of Michigan.

The Douglas Harbor Authority has recommended to City Council the approval of the Aquatic Dr's 2023 contract to treat the Douglas Harbor from Schulz Park to Union Street Boat Launch.

Funding for FY 22-23 was budgeted in (594-597.002-802) Douglas Harbor Authority, Contractual for \$72,000. Of the amount budgeted, approximately \$42,067.50 remains available for this fiscal year. This remaining amount is available for the early spring treatment. The proposed second treatment will occur in the next fiscal year and will be included in the next budget.

Sample Motion: I recommend City Council approve the Aquatic Dr's 2023 contract to treat the Douglas Harbor from Schultz Park to Union Street Boat Launch for invasive aquatic weeds for \$71,875.



Contract:

Signature Page for “City of Douglas”

Expected 2023 Budget:

1. Bayou Treatment: Late May – Early June Invoice: \$37,000.00
2. Bayou Treatment: Mid – Late July Invoice: \$34,000.00
3. Bayou Permit fee: \$750.00 - \$800.00
4. Pond Treatment: \$500.00
5. Pond Permit fee: \$75.00

Program Option for City of Douglas:

One (1) Year Program- _____

Three (3) Year Program- _____

Five (5) Year Program- _____

(Just initial your choice)

Aquatic Doctors Lake Management, Inc.

By: MT Ryan Schauland B.S.
President

Signature

Date

For City of Douglas Representative:

Name (Print) _____

Title _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

(Day): _____

(Eve): _____

Signature

Date

email: _____



Permit Fees for 2023

Act No. 164
Public Acts of 2003
Approved by the Governor
Aug 11, 2003
Filed with the Secretary of State
Aug 12, 2003
EFFECTIVE DATE: Aug 12, 2003

STATE OF MICHIGAN
92ND LEGISLATURE
REGULAR SESSION OF 2003

ENROLLED SENATE BILL No. 596

States:

1. Until December 31, 2009, an application for a permit under this section for control work qualifying for a Certificate of Coverage under a general permit shall be accompanied by a fee of \$75.00. Until December 31, 2009, an application for a permit under this section for any other control work shall be accompanied by the following fee, based on the size of the area of impact:
 - a) Less than ½ acre, \$80.00.
 - b) ½ acre or more but less than 5 acres, \$225.00.
 - c) 5 acres or more but less than 20 acres, \$450.00.
 - d) 20 acres or more but less than 100 acres, \$875.00.**
 - e) 100 acres or more, \$1,600.00.

The Department of Environmental Quality shall forward fees collected under this section to the state treasure for deposit in the land and water management permit fee fund created in section 30113 of the natural resources and environmental protection act, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.30113.

- **The highlighted section is the fee for you and your association.**