
RE: Request for Support Letter | Preston Strong (209 27th St.)

From Rob Spreitzer <RSpreitzer@gladstonemi.gov>

Date Tue 8/26/2025 1:19 PM

To Patricia West <pwest@gladstonemi.gov>

Good Afternoon Patricia,

At the present time there is no City Water that is easily accessible to Mr. Strong's property at 209 27th Street. Also there are no plans to bring watermain closer to the property. Due to the location of the property the Water Department would recommend Mr. Strong put in a well. The Delta/Menominee Public Health Department can be contacted regarding all guidelines and permits for wells, their phone # is (906) 789-8134.

From: Patricia West <pwest@gladstonemi.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 10:22 AM

To: Preston Strong <p_strong1717@hotmail.com>

Cc: Rodney Schwartz <RSchwartz@gladstonemi.gov>; Rob Spreitzer <RSpreitzer@gladstonemi.gov>

Subject: Re: Request for Support Letter | Preston Strong (209 27th St.)

Hi Preston,

I have what I need from Wastewater, and I have been in touch with Rob Spreitzer about submitting something to me as well. I anticipate we'll be able to get this on next week's meeting, and I will confirm with you as I finalize the agenda this week. I would encourage you to attend if you are able to answer any questions the commission may have, although I anticipate this will be fairly straightforward.

Thank you!



Patricia West

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From: Preston Strong <p_strong1717@hotmail.com>

Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 9:24 AM

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Hi Rob/Rodney,

The next planning committee meeting is on September 5th where they would need to review this request. Would you be able to provide the below requested letter prior to this time?

Thank you,
Preston Strong

On Aug 22, 2025, at 12:05 PM, Patricia West <pwest@gladstonemi.gov> wrote:

Hi Rob & Rodney,

I've been working with Preston Strong, who is interested in building on his property located at **209 27th St.** I've been in touch with both of you about the feasibility of running city water and sewer, and both of you have indicated challenges due to existing infrastructure, easement access and lot placement.

[Sec. 30-174 of the Code of Ordinances](#) indicates that "any improvements to real property located within the corporation limits of the city, which requires the issuance of a building permit, which improvements involve the initial installation of new service, or improvements to a water system, *shall utilize city water and sanitary sewer services for said improvements.*" It goes on to **allow property owners to appeal this to the Planning Commission** for a waiver of this requirement if it will cause an undue financial burden to the property owner.

Would you be able to work with Mr. Strong to prepare a brief letter of support outlining:

- The specific reasons why connection to city water and sewer would pose an **undue financial burden** (infrastructure limitations, easement issues, etc.).
- Suggested **alternative options** for water and sewer service that Mr. Strong could pursue instead.

This letter doesn't need to be extensive; just enough to provide the Planning Commission with the necessary context to review his request.

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Thank you,

Patricia West

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