



## VAN BUREN COUNTY LAND BANK AUTHORITY

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April 26, 2022

City of Hartford  
Attn: City Manager Yemi Akinwale  
19 West Main St  
Hartford, MI 49057

RE: Reducing 5 West Main from 3 units to 1 for Water/Sewer Billing

Dear Mr. Akinwale,

The reason for this correspondence is due to our meeting in Hartford on April 13<sup>th</sup> regarding the Water & Sewer Utility Billing Invoice where we discovered that the Land Bank was being billed for 3 units at 5 West Main as well as receiving late fees on the bill.

The Land Bank Authority views this building for the duration of the Land Bank's ownership of the building as 1 unit, with no tenants. When the building is developed by another owner it may be 1 unit or several units.

We have made a substantial investment in this property and any additional costs incurred will slow the development process to get this building back into productive use and on the tax roll.

If you would please bring this issue to the City Council and request the building to be considered a single unit, and any late fees be waved, it would be greatly appreciated.

Please let me know what determination is made. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Best Regards,

Paul W. DeYoung, Vice Chairperson  
Van Buren County Land Bank

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