

## Madison Water Utility Assessment

Concerning the water source assessment, none of us were asked for this or given a choice, in fact we shouldn't have to pay for anything until we choose to hook up to the water source.

We are familiar with the way the City Water Department works; they took some of our land and put a monstrosity reservoir on it, that they don't maintain, which prevented us from developing in the future and could also prevent us from selling the remaining parcels. As far as we are concerned the city water department owes us this water hook up, we shouldn't have to pay for anything!

**The fact is, we are paying for future development.** You say our benefit is an available municipal water supply and fire protection to our parcel; our neighbors have the same benefit. The difference is we are paying \$72,099.49 for, the parcel our house is on (\$34,188.53) and 2 parcels (\$37910.50) that are land locked because of the location of the reservoir), for the same coverage that all our neighbors are getting for a fraction of the cost and you call that **"equal"**.

You also say that if we wait until 2036 to pay, we won't be charged any interest but the fact is, we will be charged "Consumer Cost Index", call it what you want, it's still interest.

You say **"We fully appreciate and understand"**, you have no idea!!!! I have lost my job, my husband and I are both on Social Security and my husband has incurable cancer. We are on a fixed income with NO room for this **"unexpected assessment of tens of thousands of dollars"**. So don't say you understand: people have lost their houses **and more** over situations like this. You think you can just through figures at people and there is no effect, what kind of thinking is that? I don't understand, it's just mind boggling!  
**We can't pay this!**

This is grossly unfair and yes criminal to charge us for **"long term development"** that should be assessed and charged when the development takes place.

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