

5/24/2021

Atlas Property LLC

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Lansing, MI 48908

City of Charlotte

Attn. Pearl Tidwell

RE 5/24/21 special assessment district including 520 Lansing St

Parcel 200 007 400 122 03

Parcel 200 007 400 271 01

Dear Ms. Tidwell

Please allow this letter to serve as our appearance and protest to the proposed Special Assessment District.

We object to the creation of a special assessment district.

Additionally, we object to any special assessment.

If possible, please have someone read this letter at the 5/24/2021 meeting.

Thank You.

Atlas Property LLC by Michael Atayan, Manager



Fire Dept Tax

1 message

Ryan Halsey <promichllc@gmail.com>
To: clerk@charlottemi.org

Mon, May 24, 2021 at 12:48 PM

This email is in response to the proposed Fire and Safety Tax for the downtown area.

I firmly disagree and oppose this charge, actually a use tax. Passing the outrageous cost for this service that we are ALREADY paying property taxes to cover amounts to double taxation for the same service. The City of Charlotte should not be trying to force the downtown business owners to foot the bill for the City's inept financial management that have come to a head after years of financial abuse, neglect, and fiscal carelessness. The second Fire Station should never have been built to begin with. The former captain just wanted to get out from under the thumb of the City Manager. The cost of the new fire station was prohibitive right from the start and any responsible party should have recognized this. Where are the checks and balances in the City? Where have the City Council been during all of this? If this charge is going to be jammed down our throats then we as property owners should have a vote. I live outside of the City limits and therefore cannot vote for the City Council nor the Mayoral elections. Again, I vehemently oppose this tax for services to make up for poor City Management.

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Defray costs of Fire Protection - 640 Lansing Road, Charlotte, MI 48813

1 message

Abdul-Ghani Mekkaoui <nlb457@gmail.com>
To: clerk@charlottemi.org

Sun, May 23, 2021 at 3:28 PM

City of Charlotte
Attention; Special Assessment District Hearing
[111 E. Lawrence Avenue](#)
Charlotte, MI 48813

Abdul-Ghani Mekkaoui - Treasurer
NLTB Inc.
[6048 Burger Street](#)
[Dearborn heights, MI 48127](#)
(313)304-2921
nlb457@gmail.com

NLTB protests the special assessment to add taxes for fire protection on our property located at;
640 Lansing Road
[Charlotte, MI 48813](#)

Current property taxes are of great burden as is, and additional taxes will make it less likely for property owners to keep tenants and maintain a profitable operation. End results; more vacant buildings and less tax revenue.

Regards

Abdul-Ghani Mekkaoui

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Special Assessment

1 message

Patrick Lemon <plemon2785@live.com>
To: "clerk@charlottemi.org" <clerk@charlottemi.org>

Thu, May 20, 2021 at 4:38 PM

I protest this special assessment.

The reason for my protest is that, at this time, I do not believe the information needed by taxpayers of the city to make an informed decision has been provided. I have numerous questions concerning unfunded pension liabilities, unfunded OPEB (other post-employment benefits) liabilities, and the status of corrective action plans as mandated under PA202. To my knowledge, none of that information has been provided to taxpayers in conjunction with and pursuant to the special assessment. Further and as discussed below, the city was not able to provide me with access to its annual financial statements, which should have been a simple matter.

During this past week, after receiving the notice of the public hearing, I attempted to contact the City Manager to obtain some information concerning this matter. I was informed by the Deputy Clerk that the City Manager was on vacation all week and would not be available until Monday, May 24th, the same day as the public hearing. I further attempted to elicit some information from the Deputy Clerk, including obtaining the city's annual financial statements. She advised me that she was new to the job and had no idea where I could get the financial statements. I then asked her to transfer me to the Treasurer's office. She advised that the city does not have a treasurer and that some external third party is acting in that roll, but she did not know their name. I then asked to be transferred to the Deputy Treasurer. I was told that the Deputy Treasurer was new and that she didn't know much more than the Deputy Clerk. I requested to speak with her anyway. After waiting for a while, the Deputy Clerk came back on the line and advised that the Deputy Treasurer was not in a position to answer my questions.

Unfortunately, I will be out of town on Monday, May 24th at the time of the public hearing. However, I will attempt to use Zoom to attend the meeting remotely, although I will be camping with my family and am unsure as to whether or not I will have internet access.

Thank you for considering my protest.

Patrick S. Lemon
[707 Tree Top Trail](#)
Charlotte, MI 48813
517-275-0882

City of Charlotte
Subject: Special Assessment District
Written notice of protest
City of Charlotte
Attn: Notice of Protest
111 E. Lawrence Ave.
Charlotte, Mi 48813
Email ptidwell@charlottemi.org

We have the following questions and comments:

- Have copies of the City Budgets been made available to citizens?
- An independent audit of the books is needed and hereby requested.
- Has a report on the use of the 2nd fire station been made available to citizens?
- The same question on a report on the use of the primary fire station.
- A moratorium of all salary and wages should be in effect immediately. Word has it there are large raises planned. Is this true? Were there large raises last year?
- Where have the funds for street repair gone? Many of our streets are in bad condition.
- As you can see from our comments and comments of those at the last meeting, we are in the dark. We have no real information on the situation.

Charlotte is the County Seat. We have many families living in Charlotte who are low income. If they are homeowners this would be a hardship; if they are renting their rent will ultimately increase. We have many retired citizens living on a fixed income who are homeowners. A special assessment would most certainly put a hardship on the retirees.

We hereby protest this Special Assessment and request the above information.

Beverly & Del Leffler
1019 N. Cochran
Charlotte, Mi 48813

Special assessment protest

1 message

Ronald Horvath <ronaldhorvath@yahoo.com>
Reply-To: Ronald Horvath <ronaldhorvath@yahoo.com>
To: "clerk@charlottemi.org" <clerk@charlottemi.org>

Mon, May 17, 2021 at 4:20 PM

Hi Pearl, I am officially filing my protest for this thievery. Thanks.

Proposed tax increase for FD

1 message

Fetterman Events <fettermanevents@gmail.com>
To: clerk@charlottemi.org

Mon, May 24, 2021 at 1:06 PM

I have a business in Charlotte, family in charlotte and live just outside the city limits.

I am looking at buying another property in the Charlotte area....but because of how high the property taxes are already, I **will not look at anything within the city limits.** I'm sure I'm not the only one thinking this way

If you increase property taxes..which are already some of the highest in the state..you will lose in the long run more than just tax revenue.

Please consider an alternative to raising property taxes. Maybe put together a task force for the purpose of raising funds to cover this expenditure and invite the public to participate. You may get more input and ideas on how to do this.

Thank you
Kris Fetterman
Charlotte resident & business owner