

Midway City Board of Equalization
22 August 2018
Meeting

Mountain Goat Apartments /
Water Assessment

Mayor
Celeste Johnson

City Council
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Request to be on a City Council Agenda

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Reason for Request:

Please Note:

1. This is a general application. Specific applications are required for land use approvals, conditional use permits, etc.
2. Return this completed application to the city recorder's office or email to bwilson@midwaycityut.org.
3. You will be notified within 2 weeks if your request to be on the agenda is approved or declined.
4. City council regular meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the Midway Community Center (160 West Main Street). City council work meetings are held the same days at 10:00 a.m. in the Midway City Office Building (75 North 100 West). Your item will be considered at both meetings.
5. Please provide supplemental information for your item no later than the Thursday before the meeting. This information will be provided to the Council prior to the meeting.

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Date Received: _____ Date Approved: _____ Meeting Date: _____

Midway Board of Equalization and Midway City Council

Dear Board,

This is a request for a hearing of the Board of Equalization for the 4th week of July 2018 Midway City Council meeting.

We are petitioning the city to reduce the unfair water billing that we have paid for the past year. (since April 2017)

We are being charged for 40,000 gallons of water because of the size of the 1 ½" water meter that was required by the city building office at the time of construction. My building contractor, Jake Jorgenson Construction of Midway, felt this meter size was too large because of his own building on Midway Main street with a much smaller meter for his business and residence. Our building is 4,000 square feet, much smaller than his project and smaller than most new homes being built in Midway currently using ¾" to ½" meters.

I spoke with Mayor Johnson last month and she concurred with Wes Johnson that the meter could be reduced to a ½ " meter for my building and therefore reducing my water fees.

We don't see why we should have to go to the expense of changing our new meter to a smaller one when the city has electronic readers to determine the water usage.

We are requesting that we be billed a fairer amount for our water usage. Our billings show we are using 9,407 to 13,923 gal/ billing but being billed \$336.00 for 40,000gal/billing. We feel we should be billed in the 20,000 gallon range for \$168.00.

The water billing rates are:

\$84.00 for 10,000 gallons and ¾" meter,

\$168.00 for 20,000 gallons and 1" meter,

\$336.00 for 40,000 gallons and 1½" meter,

We had to pay \$45,927.00 just for the privilege of hooking up to the Midway City water and that doesn't include the \$100,000.00 for construction of the lines and trenches. We hope that the board will make our billing more accurate to the water we are using, no matter what the size of our meter is.

Sincerely,

Kim and Jean Hoover

Mountain Goat Apartments

Enclosed is an email between Jean Hoover and her building contractor Jake Jorgenson that verifies that an attempt was made at the time of construction to the city building office, Wendy Johnson, to reduce the size of water meter that was put on the plan by the second engineering company who were required to stamp the plans.

Also Enclosed is a copy of the billings for our water use in April and May of this year.

Brad Wilson

From: J Hoovers <jvhoover@route189.net>
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 8:55 AM
To: Brad Wilson
Subject: Fwd: RE: Question about Mt. Goat Apts.

--- Begin forwarded message:

From: "J Hoovers" <jvhoover@route189.net>
To: "Jacob Jorgenson" <jake@jorgensonbuilders.com>
Subject: RE: Question about Mt. Goat Apts.
Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2018 11:12:47 -0700

Thank you Jake, that is how I remembered it too.

--- jake@jorgensonbuilders.com wrote:

From: Jacob Jorgenson <jake@jorgensonbuilders.com>
To: "jvhoover@route189.net" <jvhoover@route189.net>
Subject: RE: Question about Mt. Goat Apts.
Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2018 14:15:32 +0000

The city and the plans engineer required that meter and water line size and that is why we did it that size. I can't really say if a smaller one will work since I am not the engineer and was required to do what the engineer wanted on that. Sorry I can't be more help on this. **I did ask about that during building and they made us go with that size.**

Jake Jorgenson, CGP

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From: J Hoovers <jvhoover@route189.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 7:50 AM
To: Jacob Jorgenson <jake@jorgensonbuilders.com>
Subject: Question about Mt. Goat Apts.

Dear Jake,

The city has been charging me \$336.00/quarter on my water bills for the past year even before I was using any water. They said it is because of the size of my meter. I have been petitioning the city about it because the water usage has been smaller than my house. My house bill is \$84.00.

I want to have it changed to a smaller meter. We have pressure reducing valves on the apartments. I thought you said the lines were larger than they needed to be when we put them in. Would it cause a problem with pressure to put in a smaller meter now with the size of lines we have? I would appreciate your opinion.

Thanks,

Jean

Brad Wilson

From: J Hoovers <jvhoover@route189.net>
Sent: Monday, July 02, 2018 8:58 AM
To: Brad Wilson
Subject: Fwd: Hoover Meter Readings

--- Begin forwarded message:

From: Jennifer Sweat <jsweat@midwaycityut.org>
To: Jean Hoover <jvhoover@route189.net>
CC: Celeste Johnson <cjohnson@midwaycityut.org>
Subject: Meter Readings
Date: Thu, 7 Jun 2018 18:17:11 +0000

Hi Jean!

As requested here is your meter readings for April and May for your home and apartments with the commercial space.

189 South 580 East – Hoover Residence

April 2018 – 3,791 gallons used

May 2018 – 3,531 gallons used

269 East Main – Mountain Goat Apartments –(4 Apartments, 1 Commercial)

April 2018- 13,923 gallons used

May 2018 – 9,407 gallons used

If you need anything else please let me know.

Jennifer Sweat, CPFIM, CBLO

Midway City Treasurer

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