



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**

**JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR**

June 16, 2016

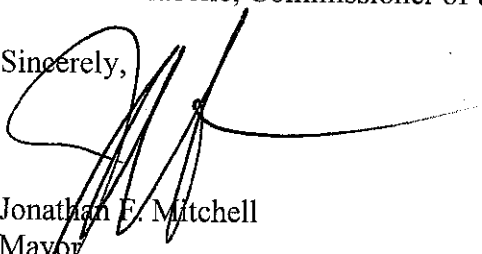
City Council President Linda M. Morad and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval a **SEWER ABATEMENT** for Christopher Gourdin,  
24 Peckham Street, New Bedford, MA, account number 1008761 in the amount of  
\$178.45.

I have attached correspondence for your review on this sewer abatement request from  
Ronald H. Labelle, Commissioner of the Department of Public Infrastructure.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/dlr  
attachments



## Department of Public Infrastructure

Ronald H. Labelle  
Commissioner

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Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor

Water  
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### MEMORANDUM

TO: MAYOR JONATHAN F. MITCHELL  
FROM: RONALD H. LABELLE, COMMISSIONER, DPI  
DATE: June 7, 2016  
RE: SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST

Christopher Gourdin  
24 Peckham Street  
Account # 1008761

Attached, for your review, is correspondence related to the above referenced sewer abatement request.

The circumstances associated with this request have been investigated by the Department of Public Infrastructure, Wastewater Division. As the result of the burst pipe, there was a substantial leak and the excess water went into the cellar and absorbed into the dirt floor cellar and did not enter the collection system. I would recommend that a credit of \$178.45 be allowed.

Should you be in agreement, I would ask that you communicate the abatement recommendation to the City Council.

Enc: 5

/ejl

CONSUMPTION FORM

ACCOUNT #		1008761	
CONSUMER:		CHRISTOPHER GOURDIN	
ADDRESS:		24 PECKHAM STREET	
ITEM	BILLING DATE	CCF'S	READ TYPE
1	August 1, 2014	9	A
2	September 1, 2014	6	A
3	October 1, 2014	7	A
4	November 1, 2014	7	A
5	December 1, 2014	6	A
6	January 1, 2015	6	A
7	February 1, 2015	7	A
8	March 1, 2015	8	A
9	April 1, 2015	10	A
10	May 1, 2015	9	A
11	June 1, 2015	11	A
12	July 1, 2015	10	A
13	August 1, 2015	8	A
14	September 1, 2015	6	A
15	October 1, 2015	9	A
16	November 1, 2015	6	A
17	December 1, 2015	8	A
18	January 1, 2016	6	A
19	February 1, 2016	7	A
20	March 1, 2016	53	A
	TOTAL CONSUMPTION	199	
	AVERAGE (= TOTAL CONSUMPTION / 20 MONTHS)	10	
		CCF TO ABATE (= BILLED - AVERAGE)	
March 1, 2016	BILLED @ 53 CCF	43	
Total CCF to abate		43	
Sewer Rate		\$4.15	
Total \$ to abate		\$178.45	

Dear Mr. Ronald Labelle,

My name is Chris Gourdin and I spoke with Erin and was told to write a letter explaining my situation. I went away for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks of February. Upon returning, I walked into a flooded house after the historic cold of Valentine's weekend. The wall in my hallway collapsed. The wall and ceiling in the kitchen also collapsed. The water had been pouring in for almost a week. The 1896 plank flooring had bowed way up and cupped throughout the kitchen. The water fried the over-the-range microwave and filled the stove as well. I was informed by my wonderful insurance agent that this WOULD be considered a surchargeable claim to add insult to injury. I am still dealing with this nightmare. The worst find was a tote full of family photos in the basement that had filled completely with water. I appreciate any help that you are able to provide. Thank you.

Chris

(774) 826-5426

