



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

December 31, 2018

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 May Kamel, 660 W. Rodney French Boulevard, New Bedford, MA, in the amount of \$440.44.

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

JFM/sds  
Attachments

cc: Jamie Ponte  
May Kamel



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**Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor**

**Department of Public Infrastructure**

**Jamie Ponte  
Commissioner**

**Water  
Wastewater  
Highways  
Engineering  
Cemeteries  
Park Maintenance  
Forestry  
Energy**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: MAYOR JONATHAN F. MITCHELL**

**FROM: Jamie Ponte, Commissioner-DPI** *JP*

**DATE: December 7, 2018**

**RE: SEWER ABATEMENT REQUEST**

May Kamel  
660 W Rodney French Blvd  
Account# 1024705

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 a result of the investigation, several pipes in the basement burst over a particularly cold spell of weather. Water was pouring into the crawlspace/basement until tenant was able to manually shut the water off and have a plumber repair the broken pipes. There is a drain in the basement; however, this drain is not connected to the city's wastewater system and most likely acts as a drain into the ground. None of this water made its way back into the collection system. I would recommend that a credit of \$440.44 be allowed.

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

Enc: 15

## CONSUMPTION FORM

ACCOUNT #	1024705		
CONSUMER:	MAY KAMEL (JAMES GARD-TENANT)		
ADDRESS:	660 W RODNEY FRENCH BLVD		
ITEM	BILLING DATE	CCF'S	READ TYPE
1	May 15, 2017	1	A
2	June 15, 2017	3	A
3	July 15, 2017	3	A
4	August 15, 2017	5	A
5	September 15, 2017	4	A
6	October 15, 2017	6	A
7	November 15, 2017	5	A
8	December 15, 2017	1	A
9	January 15, 2018	2	A
***9 MONTH CONSUMPTION AVERAGE USED AS PROPERTY WAS PURCHASED BY MAY KAMEL IN			
DECEMBER 2016 & DID NOT HAVE TENANT MOVE IN UNTIL APRIL 2017***			
	TOTAL CONSUMPTION	30	
AVERAGE (= TOTAL CONSUMPTION / 9 MONTHS)		3	
		CCF TO ABATE (= BILLED - AVERAGE)	
February 15, 2018	Billed @ 94 CCF's	91	
Total CCF to abate		91	
Sewer Rate		\$4.84	
Total \$ to abate		\$440.44	

## Cover Sheet

<b>Submitted To:</b>	City of New Bedford, Public Infrastructure 115 Shawmut Ave., New Bedford, MA 02746	
<b>Care Of:</b>	Jamie Ponte, Commissioner Michael Vieira	
<b>Submitted By:</b>	James Gard (Tenant) Mobile: 757-214-4550      Email: jamesgard@gmail.com	
<b>On Behalf Of:</b>	May Kamel (Landlord) 256 Sprague Street, Dedham, MA 02026	
<b>Property Addressed in Request:</b>	660 W. Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford, MA 02744	
<b>Account Number:</b>	1024705-61947	
<b>Bill Number:</b>	1585587 - Dated 03/23/2018	
<b>Reference:</b>	Abatement Letter - Water Leak	

# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## Leak Adjustment Request

Today's Date: 05/15/2018

Billing Date: 03/23/2018

Customer Name: Kamel, May

Service Address: 660 W. Rodney French Blvd., New Bedford, MA 02744

Account Number: 1024705-61947 Bill # 1585587

When was the leak found? 01/10/2018

When was the leak repaired? 01/11/2018

### Description of Leak / Incident / Picture(s):

I went to Virginia to visit family and this is when we had that major freeze, in where it was -3F even in Virginia, and upon my return I found the crawl space basement filled with water even though I left all faucets with a slow drip. I immediately attempted to shut the water off and once I unfroze the home's access panel (approx. 3 hours later), I was able to shut the water off. The next day I got a friend to help pump out the water and inspect for the cause. I also got dehumidifier and blowers to dry out the area to ensure mold did not become apparent. Upon initial inspection, we found 6 busted water lines and 1 end cap that were split from frozen pipes and the cause of the leak. These were immediately repaired / replaced and the water service was then turned back on and working without any signs of further leaking. Your assistance in allowing a one time adjustment to the water bill would be greatly appreciated. Please contact me directly should you have any further questions and or if you need to visually inspect the premises. Thanks in advance - James Gard (Tenant)



I understand that all information is hereby submitted for review and possible further inspection of the advised property. I also understand that any adjustment will be reflected on my next bill.

Signed by Tenant: 

Printed Name: JAMES T. GARD

Telephone: 757-214-4550

Email: jamestgard@gmail.com

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registrar  
notes

- Set up appt in May; Eric went to investigate, could not get into basement/meter as basement full of waste at the time
- reached out to James several times over next several weeks, out of town in Virginia... back & forth constantly
- reached out for last time 10/17/18, spoke to James... he will check basement & call us back Fri 10/19... if no call back, auto denial

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dirt Basement

~~water~~ water went into ~~the~~ not into Sewer  
~~basement~~

technician notes



Water pit





pipe coming into basement



PIPE coming into basement



replaced pipes



replaced pipes



replaced pipes



basement/crawlspace



hole in basement



hole in basement





hole in basement