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Mr. Bryan Smith  
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Dear Mr. Smith,

I want to first apologize for the timeliness of this response to your complaint dated march 8 2013. My wife has been very ill and I have been under the weather myself.

As indicated in my previous correspondence, I am not so much against what your organization is responsible as much as I am incensed about the way it goes about fines, taxes, assessments or whatever you choose to call it, for a business that has been here for years on a piece of property that is not only rented but has been here since the early 1930's. There is a storm pond in front of our building and has been for many years, long before you and I even came to be. It has not changed one bit and no amount of money is going to change this. The photos taken last year depict most everything out of context and omit the storm water run-off pond altogether.

I have indicated in numerous communications both oral and written that the amount of the fee isn't so unmanageable in better times but at this time, a \$1000.00 fee might as well be \$100,000.00 fee. I don't have to pay and to expand that fee 10 times is even that much more impossible to manage.

What I am asking is simply to leave me alone. I have caused no issues with your organization and will not as long as I am in compliance with the storm water run-off guidelines. I can see no reason or purpose to pay an amount of any kind for a service I have absolutely no control over, that being the rain.

Leave it to the arrogance of an out of control government agency to think it can regulate and such things as storm water or in simpler terms, rain.

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I would appreciate the agency for which you are employed if I had one single clue about what it is you do, with the exception of consistently justifying your existence with fines, levies, assessments, taxes or permit fees. For those of us that actually have to produce something in this miserable economy and try to keep up with the already overly regulated business world, a fee for this is just not possible at this time.

Please do not consider this letter as anything other than what it is meant to serve. I do not have the extra funds to comply with whatever your investigation has revealed, if anything. To multiply this fee tenfold seems ridiculous and in violation of my right to be free from cruel and unusual punishment as well as government intrusion into my business and personal life without cause.

In summary,

1. I am powerless to change the course of rainwater as are you.
2. In no way is that going to change with a permit fee or other unreasonable fines,
3. In the event of flooding, I have never even heard of your agency let alone aware that they have done anything of significance to prevent it.
4. It is always interesting to see that if I were in violation of some self serving agency rule, that a certain amount of "money" would somehow cure this violation without actually tending to the actual issue, if there were one.
5. My position has not changed, I am absolutely opposed to this form of government self financing itself at the expense of it's citizenry that I am willing and able to fight this as a matter of principle and protest.

With regards,

  
William Hill