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### **PMUA Backs Push for Tax Deduction on Sewer Service Charges**

On Tuesday, January 8, 2013, a bill was introduced by NJ Legislators, proposing a gross income tax deduction to homestead owners for water and sewer services. Under this bill, homeowners would receive a tax credit on payments for certain water and sewer charges provided by a municipality or an entity such as a utility, authority or private company. This comes as welcome news to many Plainfield property owners who have been unable to take advantage of the benefit of a tax deduction on their PMUA sanitary sewer charges, because the charges are not currently factored into their City taxes.

The move to introduce this legislation had been petitioned and contemplated in previous years, however with little to no resolve. Still, the book was never fully closed on the issue, especially by the PMUA who continued dialogue with the State Assembly about taking progressive steps to address this concern on behalf of their customers and the city's taxpayers at large. Over the years, Plainfield property owners have frequently approached the PMUA to address their frustrations at not being able to take a tax deduction for their paid sewer charges. Now, through the collective actions of PMUA Executive Director, Dan Williamson and the NJ State Assemblyman Jerry Green, focus on the matter has been revived; if passed, this bill would help taxpayers to better keep up with the naturally increasing costs of water and sewer services.

"We are in full support of this bill", says [PMUA] Executive Director, Dan Williamson. "Economic turbulence is increasingly strenuous on the large majority of the population. As both the executive leader of this Authority and a taxpaying citizen of this city, the best interests of our ratepayers and the overall Plainfield community are among my top priority. My sincerest hope is for this legislation to be passed, so those who have invested ownership in our municipality can be afforded some helpful relief."

According to the proposed document, the act would go into effect immediately following the bill's approval, and would apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1 of the next following enactment.