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Good evening, members of the Assembly and Mayor,

My name is Kandi Woodworth and I reside at 848 S. Mitkof Hwy. My husband and I own property at Fredrick Point East and I represent myself. I would like to speak to the Assembly regarding the issue of removing Fredrick Point East from Service Area 1.

I spoke on Nov 18th and gave a brief history of the area known as FPE subdivision. It was remote in 1978 and it remains remote today. The city of Petersburg provided no services to FPE, and when the Borough was formed in 2013, it also has provided no services. I think we all can agree on that.

So how then did Fredrick Point East become included in Service Area 1? I believe it was an administrative mistake.

If we look at the creation of Service Area 1 in the Charter under Article 14, Section 14.02 B it states
B. UNTIL OTHERWISE CHANGED, THOSE AREAS WHICH ARE, AT THE TIME THIS CHARTER WAS APPROVED, a part of the former City of Petersburg's public water system or sanitary sewage system or WHICH WERE WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE FORMER CITY OF PETERSBURG SHALL BE INCLUDED WITHIN A SERVICE AREA for each and all the above powers....

Section 14.02B used the former city of Petersburg boundary to create the boundary for Service Area 1. And it just so happens that the area of Fredrick Point East had been annexed into the City of Petersburg in 1978.

All fine and good, except for one small fact –

In the Charter, under Section 14.04 Criteria for Establishing Service Areas it states,
SERVICE AREAS...SHALL COMPRISE THE AREA TO WHICH THE SERVICES SHALL BE PROVIDED.

It is an undisputed fact that FPE Subdivision receives no Borough Services. And as the Charter states the creation of service areas is all about providing services and I believe it is understood that at the present time the Borough does not want to provide services to FPE.

To sum this all up:

1. The assembly's decision to use the former city of Petersburg boundary as the boundary for Service Area 1 was an administrative mistake.
2. The mistake has had an adverse affect on the property owners at FPE, subjecting them to pay the full operation mill rate of Service Area 1 for services the Borough has not provided.
3. The responsibility to correct the mistake in the Charter lies with the assembly.

Therefore I am suggesting that the assembly take the corrective measure to redefine the boundaries of Service Area 1. In doing so, the Fredrick Point East subdivision would be re-assigned to what is called an "Areawide" property tax designation which is taxed under Education only, a 4.33 mill rate in 2019. In light of the fact that Fredrick Point East had been annexed into the former City of Petersburg city limits and had the opportunity to vote on bond indebtedness, I believe that the FPE subdivision would probably bear the burden of that voter approved bond indebtedness just like any one else living in the former city of Petersburg. But because of the complexities of the issue, the question of bond

indebtedness may still need more research.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.