

CITY OF DE PERE

Water Division

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«Mailing_Name»

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**RE: Private Water System Maintenance - «Address»«Direction» «Street»
Parcel ID: «Parcel_»**

Dear Private Water System Owner,

Providing and maintaining a safe water supply is a priority for the City of De Pere and we are proud to deliver the highest quality drinking water to our customers daily. The City's Water Utility also provides for the safety and general welfare of its residents via a strong fire protection system. This is accomplished by following laws, regulations, prudent management, and best practices including compliance with National Standards including the American Water Works Association and the National Fire Protection Association.

The City of De Pere Water Utility (Utility) has identified that you own and operate a private water system, or "private hydrant" as defined in (PSC) 185.12(15). The Utility wants to ensure that your system is properly inspected, maintained, and fully operational. This is important because the operation of your water system affects the safety of its residents as well as the efficient operation of the Utility. Both of our systems must provide safe, clean drinking water, but also serve as vitally important components of public safety equipment. Like any other piece of equipment, if it's not operated and maintained, it may not work when needed most. In addition to providing safe drinking water and fire protection, maintenance of your private system is necessary to minimize the waste of water. Though you may not be able see it, even brand-new water systems leak, which is a waste for all utility customers. Systems that are not regularly inspected and maintained tend to leak significantly more water, raising operational costs and unnecessarily increasing water rates.

It is a matter of public safety and best management practices for your water system to document that it is being maintained and to demonstrate that hydrants and valves are functional in the event of a watermain break or a fire and to help reduce unmetered water losses. It is our intent to pass an ordinance to require the maintenance of these private systems located within the City of De Pere.

With that in mind, we would like to invite you to a public informational meeting where you are able to voice your concerns with the future ordinance and requirements. The meeting date is set for **Wednesday, March 29th from 5pm to 6pm at the Municipal Service Center, 925 S Sixth Street, De Pere WI 54115.** You may join the meeting at the following link: <https://meet.goto.com/497159397>

Please contact the Water Department at (920) 339-4060 or email Eric Zygarlicke at zygarlicke@deperewi.gov for any questions that you may have regarding this issue.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Eric Zygarlicke

Eric Zygarlicke, Water Department Supervisor