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**To:** Julie Cozzi  
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Hi Julie,  
Sorry this is so last minute. Is it still possible to forward to mayor and assembly before tonight?  
Thanks,  
Margaret

July 10, 2012  
Dear Mayor Scott and assembly,

Please consider an alternative to addressing increased waste costs at the harbor rather than a harbor surcharge on permanent and temporary moorage customers.

First, this issue - to my knowledge - has not been addressed by the harbor advisory committee. That committee just spent months working on a revised fee schedule for all harbor use costs. The concern of increased waste costs should have been directed to the committee and it could have possibly been addressed in the revised fee schedule. To have another harbor fee come up just weeks after that fee schedule was finalized is a bit confusing, especially at a time when members of the harbor advisory committee, and many users of the harbor who this fee would affect, are unavailable to discuss or comment on this as they are out fishing.

Second, as a customer with a permanent moorage, I can see that the waste issue at the harbor needs to be addressed. My family is supportive of the recycling and Clean Harbor Initiative the harbormaster and staff have instigated. It's impressive and makes the harbor cleaner and beautiful. Many harbor users are on board with these changes and initiatives and appreciate the staffs' efforts and have adjusted our waste disposal to utilize all these new tools and resources. There are a select few harbor users who are not as responsive and create inordinate amount of waste or garbage.

Third, I believe it's unclear if the increased waste disposal is only from harbor users. The dumpsters at the harbor are easily accessible along a city street and at all hours of the day. That's great and convenient for harbor users, but also easy for non-harbor users to access. So, to assume the increased waste is only due to harbor users is not, I believe, an accurate assessment. To levy the increased waste costs on harbor users only does not recognize how those dumpsters are used by the general public.

I don't think \$45 or an extra \$1 a day is a huge burden. I just don't think it adequately addresses the problem of increased waste costs at the harbor because it doesn't help determine how or where those increased costs are coming from. A more permanent solution needs to be looked at, maybe at the committee level first, to address the waste issue at the harbor.

Thanks for your time,  
Margaret Hagen