

January 16, 2018

Ms. Jennifer Gonda, Superintendent
Milwaukee Water Works
City Hall Room 6060
200 East Wells Street
Milwaukee, WI 53202

Re: Application for Water Service to the City of Franklin

Ms. Gonda,

Franklin appreciates Milwaukee's consideration of providing future service to our water utility. As requested, please share the following information with the members of the Milwaukee Common Council:

1. Franklin's Comprehensive Plan. The full plan may be found online at www.franklinwi.gov under the Planning Department page. Attached are the Future Land Use map for the City updated as of mid-2017, and the Existing Land Use Map updated as of 2009, along with tables providing acreage summaries.
2. Affordable Housing Plan. Franklin does not currently have a written affordable housing plan. However, I have attached a 1/23/2018 Council Action for a resolution to authorize staff to locate a consultant for the development of a housing plan and return to Common Council with a professional services contract. It is understood that adoption of such a plan would be a stipulation of final connection to Milwaukee Water Works.

Although we do not keep data bases, we do have developments that accommodate senior and low-income housing needs. Lakeview Senior Apartments (3709 W. College Avenue) is an example of a current low income and senior housing project that was recently approved by the Franklin Common Council on November 21, 2017. The City has been actively engaged in the approval of this project and the developer is waiting grant approval of an Affordable Housing Program Application before they proceed with construction.

3. Public Transportation Plan. The City of Franklin does not own or operate a transit system, and as such, does not have a specific local transit plan. However, the City has participated in the development of the Region's long-range land use and transportation plan (VISION 2050), which recommends significant public transit improvements within

the City. Currently, the City is served by the Milwaukee County Transit System, with the Purple Line and Route 27 providing transit access along S. 27th Street north of W. Drexel Avenue. There is also a Saturday route that serves the House of Correction. Under VISION 2050, this express and local transit service would be enhanced, including service via rapid transit from downtown Milwaukee to Northwestern Mutual's campus in Franklin. An extension of Route 27 would provide access further south along S. 27th Street as far as W. Oakwood Road, serving the Southbranch Industrial Park and the Wheaton Franciscan Franklin Hospital. Additional areas that would receive local transit service if the plan were to be implemented include W. Ryan Road between S. 27th Street and S. 76th Street (including service through the Franklin Business Park), and S. 76th Street between W. Ryan Road and W. Loomis Road. A commuter bus service between the City of Burlington and downtown Milwaukee, intended to run all day in both directions, would provide access to major retail centers along W. Loomis Road within the City. These fixed-route recommendations included in VISION 2050 would largely serve the major retail, office, and business centers and parks within the City. VISION 2050 also recommends a shared-ride taxi, open to the general public, provide transit access to residents and businesses in the remainder of the City, with these areas being largely rural or low-density residential in nature.

In addition to the long-range regional land use and transportation plan, Milwaukee County's short-range Transit Development Plan recommends transit service be expanded in the City of Franklin. These expansions include a new transit service to the Southbranch Industrial Park and the Franklin Business Park, and an extension of existing transit service on S. 27th Street to serve the Wheaton Franciscan Franklin Hospital.

I look forward to a continued conversation regarding water service. Please do not hesitate to ask if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Glen E. Morrow". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "G" and "M".

Glen E. Morrow, PE
City Engineer and Utility Manager