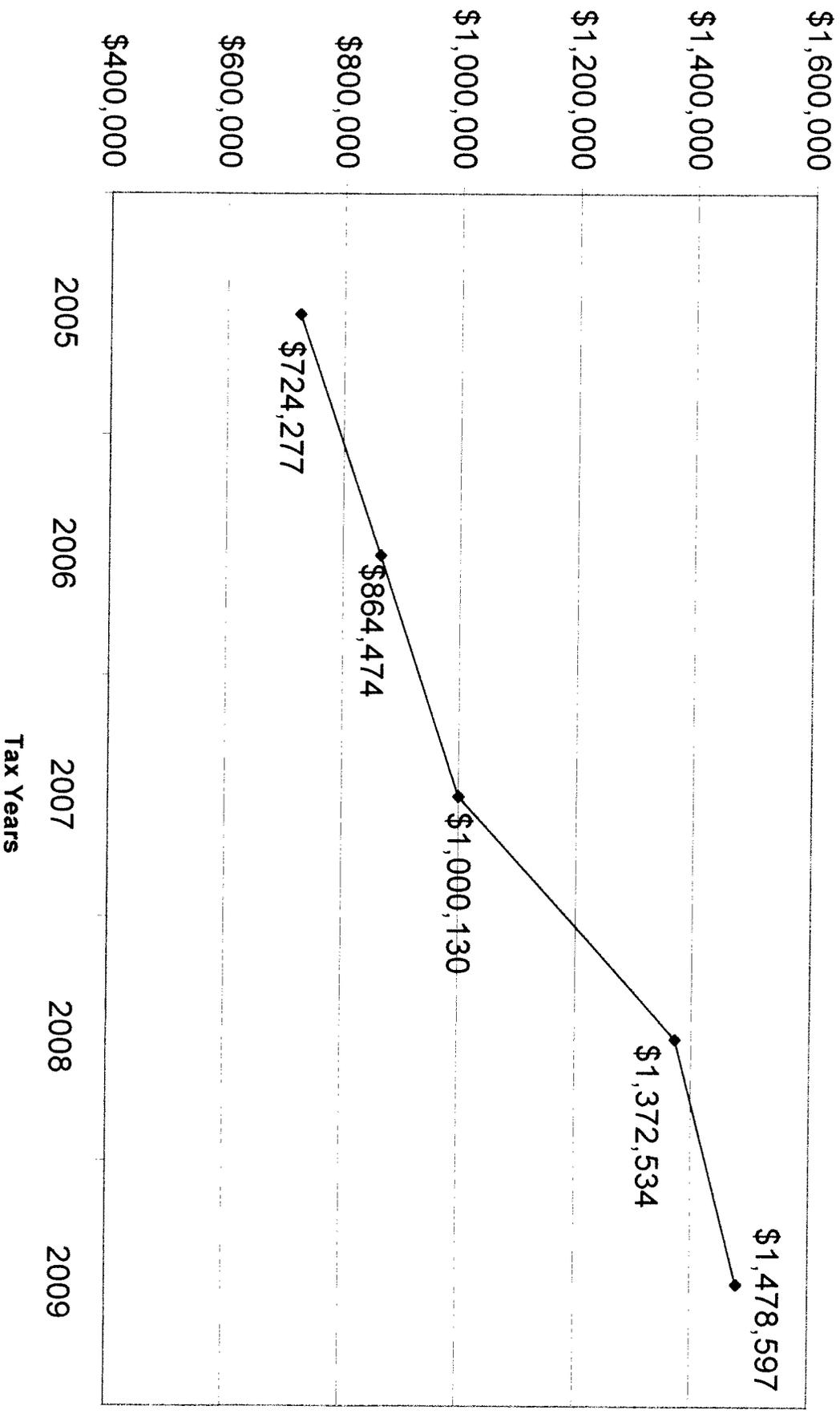


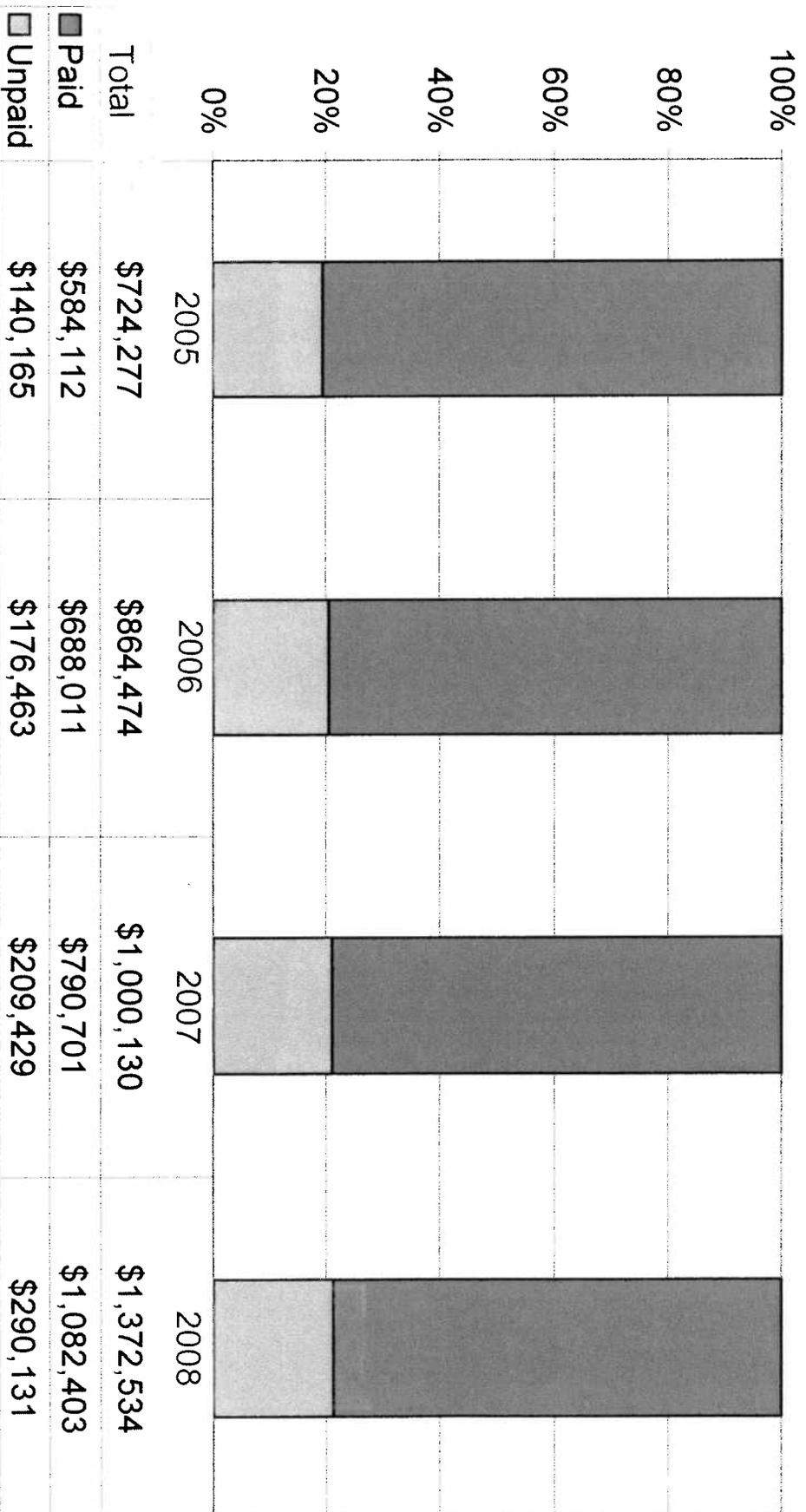
## **City of Dearborn Heights Timeline of a Delinquent Water Account**

October 2005	Water balances as of this date will go on 2006 Summer Taxes unless paid by March 31, 2006.
Nov. 2005 & Jan. 2006	Letters written to water customers notifying them that balances from Oct. 2005 unpaid by March 31, 2006 will be put on tax roll.
July 1, 2006	Summer 2006 Tax Bills with Delinquent Water Specials are mailed out.
August 14, 2006	Due Date for Summer 2006 Tax Bills.
Aug. 16, 2006 to Feb. 28, 2007	City Treasurer collects Summer 2006 Tax Bills with penalty.
March 1, 2007	Delinquent Summer & Winter 2006 Taxes are turned over to Wayne County for collection.
Mar. 1, 2007 to Feb. 28, 2009	Wayne County Treasurer collects Delinquent 2006 Taxes.
March 1, 2009	County Treasurer Receives Judgment of Foreclosure for properties with unpaid 2006 Taxes.

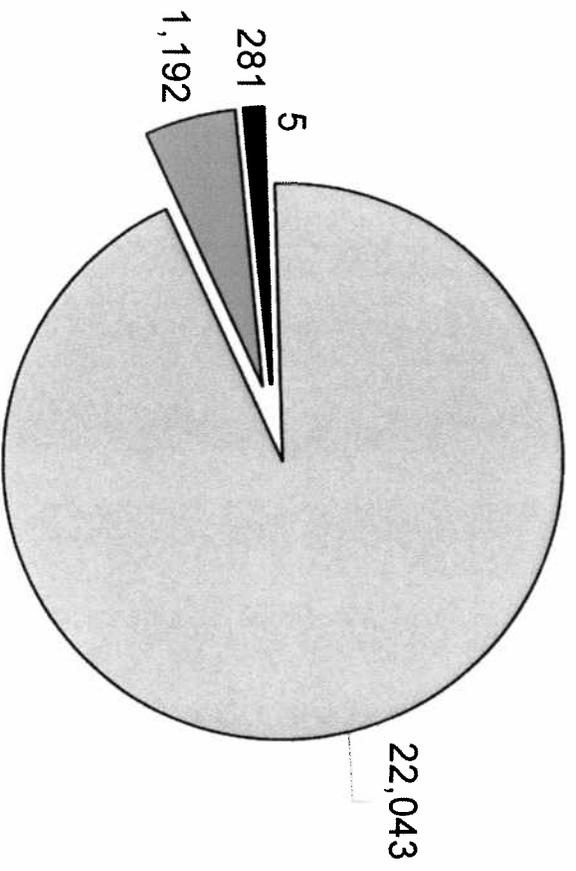
### City of Dearborn Heights Delinquent Water On Tax Bills



## City of Dearborn Heights Water Tax Specials Collected Two Years Prior to Foreclosure



## City of Dearborn Heights Summary of 23,521 Water Customers Payments for Year 2006



- Water Customers Who Pay Timely
- Customers Who Paid Delinquent Water With Taxes by Feb 28, 2007
- Delinquent Water Collected by County Prior to Tax Foreclosure
- Tax Foreclosed Properties with Delinquent Water

## City of Dearborn Heights

### Concerns of Bill 4050

If City is unable to collect unpaid water on the taxes, the total cost of operating the water system will go up.

- 1) Residents who pay their water bills will have to pay more to make up for uncollected water bills. (Maybe as much as 6%)
- 2) City would have to hire more employees to shut off water at homes that have unpaid water accounts

Force homeowners from their homes sooner than the tax foreclosure process.

- 1) If water is shut off to a home, residents will have to move out for health and safety reasons.
- 2) Current system of 3.5 years would be reduced to 1.5 to 2 years.

### Recommendation for Bill 4050

Focus the legislation on the few properties that are at the point of tax foreclosure.