

TOWN COUNCIL STAFF REPORT
***TOWN UTILITIES CODE UPDATE:**
MONDAY, MAY 22ND, 2023*

The Public Works and Utilities Department recently reviewed Chapter 82 UTILITIES of the Town Code and suggest the following revisions to have the code better align with the Town's Design Standards for Water Distribution and Sanitary Sewer Systems:

Sec. 82-31. Connections and availability.

- (a) A connection fee of \$660.00 and an availability fee of \$2,720.00 shall be charged for residential connections to water mains. ~~In addition, when the distance from the property line to the water main is more than 60 feet, the cost of installing pipe and fitting in excess of 60 feet shall be charged to the customer or may be installed by the customer, when so authorized by the town manager.~~
- (c) Upon payment of the connection charge and availability fee, the town will authorize the contractor to connect to the existing main under Town Inspection, and after Town approval, provide water service to the property. ~~provide water service at the property line, at the nearest point to existing or proposed water mains.~~ The cost of tapping the main and of the meter, meter set, meter box, corporation stop, line setter and pipe from the main to the meter will be at ~~town's expense.~~ **The owner's/contractor's/developer's expense.**
- (d) Connections will not be made to town water mains or service lines by persons other than town employees or the town's ~~designated~~ **approved** agent

WATER CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, VIRGINIA

WATER USE EDUCATION PROGRAM

Planned Program Elements

- (8) Support of groundwater wells not **exceeding 100 feet in depth** for irrigation of lawns and landscaping by residents, businesses and industries within the service area. The use of well water for these activities helps to minimize the use of potable drinking water for uses which do not require it.

Sec. 82-45. Use of public water system mandatory.

Where a public water supply is available in the town it shall be unlawful to connect a residential or commercial structure to a private well ~~or other water supply except as may be approved by the town manager on a temporary basis or by approval of a special use permit in accordance with the provisions of the town's zoning ordinance.~~

(Ord. of 8-2-2011(2), § 1)

Sec. 82-75. Building sewers and connections.

- (a) No unauthorized person shall uncover, make any connections with or opening into, alter or disturb any public sewer or appurtenances thereof, without first obtaining a written permit from the town manager.
- (b) The owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the town. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications, or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the town manager.
- (c) All costs and expenses ~~incident to~~ for the installation and connection of the building sewer shall be borne by the owner. The owner shall indemnify the town from any loss or damage that may directly or indirectly be occasioned by the installation of the building sewer. ~~Subject to the provision below in the case of resubdivisions of lots previously subdivided, The owner shall be responsible for installing and constructing a sewer lateral to the property line when a sewer lateral is not currently present. the town shall construct a lateral sewer to the owner's property line when a sewer is adjacent thereto. Should the lateral exceed 60 feet in length, the additional cost for that portion over 60 feet shall be borne by the owner.~~ Except as provided in subsection (e) below, the owner shall pay, upon application for connection, a residential connection fee of \$1,580.00 and availability fee of \$4,120.00; ~~except that in the case of those users who must lift residential sewage to the public sewer, the connection fee shall be \$790.00 plus the availability fee of \$4,120.00.~~ Commercial connection and availability fees shall be paid by the owner, upon application for connection, according to the schedule in subsection (d) of this section. Residential connection and availability fees shall be paid for each dwelling unit, apartment or tenant, regardless of the number served. In the case of resubdivisions of lots previously subdivided, the owner of any such resubdivided lot shall, in addition, pay to the town the actual cost of installing a lateral sewer from the existing main to the owner's property line.

*Complete redlined Chapter 83 UTILITIES attached

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