



UNION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

News Release

Public Works to Extend Water Service

June 5, 2013, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners in 2012 adopted an annual program that allows Union County Public Works to extend water service and provide an environmental benefit to citizens in Union County. The program, which started July 1, 2012 and recurs each July 1, offers a limited number of property owners funding assistance for residential and non-residential short water line extensions.

Funding assistance is limited (approximately \$500,000 per year) and applies to the first 1,000 linear feet of pipeline needed to connect to Union County's water system. If more than 1,000 linear feet of pipeline is required for a connection, the additional length will be paid 100 percent by the property owner, except in situations where a documented health hazard exist. All property owners who participate in this program are responsible for paying tap and capacity fees currently totaling \$1,600. For any portion of a line extension that exceeds 1,000 linear feet, the applicant will be responsible for the design and construction cost, based on a cost of \$35 per linear foot.

To qualify for an extension, a line must be located within a publicly maintained road right-of-way. If a citizen applies based on a health hazard, the applicant must furnish evidence from Union County Environmental Health officials that a health hazard exists.

Public Works will consider multiparty applications from property owners joining together for one lengthy line extension. The length of the proposed joint line extension requested through this program cannot exceed a total of 6,000 linear feet. Waterlines will be extended, at UCPW's cost, up to 1,000 linear feet per qualifying applicant. The 1,000 linear feet must be within the applicant's road right-of-way frontage. Each applicant on the joint line extension application is responsible for paying tap and capacity fees as well as any additional line extension cost necessary to serve their property and connect to the water system.

Applications for water line extensions will be accepted in person on a first come, first served basis, beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, July 1, 2013 in the Commissioners' Conference Room, Room 109, on the first floor of the Union County Government Center at 500 North Main Street in Monroe. Applications will be date and time stamped and reviewed in the order in which they are received. For more information or to download and print an application, visit <http://ucpw.co.union.nc.us>.

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