

Regular Meeting  
December 5, 2005

**Ordinance to Create A Water Use Development Fee**

WHEREAS, Chowan County currently operates a “public enterprise” pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A-274, specifically a water supply and distribution system for the use and benefit of the County and its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Chowan County is currently experiencing, and does project, unprecedented residential development growth which will cause the need to expand its current system to provide for greater use capacity for a larger number of customers in the immediate future; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A-277, Chowan County has the authority to “establish and revise from time to time schedules of rents, rates, fees, charges and penalties for the use of or the services furnished by a public enterprise”; and,

WHEREAS, the current tap-on fee charged by Chowan County for each new water customer is not projected to cover the costs of capital improvements necessary to expand the water system to a capacity sufficient to serve the projected number of new water customers over the next five to ten years; and,

WHEREAS, the Chowan County Board of Commissioners finds that it is not equitable to increase the water rates of existing customers to pay for capital improvements necessary to serve new water customers.

NOW, THEREFORE, after consideration of the projected estimated capital costs necessary to expand Chowan County’s current water supply and distribution system to accommodate a capacity sufficient to serve the projected increase in water customers over the next five to ten years,

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Chowan County that a Water Use Development Fee is hereby created and shall be imposed, in addition to the existing tap-on fee, on all new water customers henceforth in an amount determined as follows:

1. \$2500 for each new water tap no greater than one inch in size.
2. \$3500 for each new water tap no greater than two inches in size.
3. Water customers requiring a tap greater than two inches in size will be charged a fee based on Chowan County’s evaluation of the developer’s engineering plans and considering the development’s potential impact on water system capacities.
4. The Water Use Development Fee shall be due and payable before a tap is installed by the Chowan County Water Department.

The provisions of this ordinance shall be effective from and after the date of its adoption, this the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2005.

Nancy B. Morgan, County Clerk