

**ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE CONNECTION TO COUNTY OPERATED  
WATER DISTRIBUTION**

**BE IT ORDAINED AS FOLLOWS:**

- 1. CONNECTIONS REQUIRED:** The owners of all improved property within the County of Warren which is so located as to be served by the County of Warren owned or operated water distribution line be and they are hereby required to connect their improved premises to said water distribution line.
  
- 2. DEFINITIONS:**
  - A. Water Distribution line operated by the County: Any water distribution line owned or operated by the County of Warren Public Works Department pursuant to a contract entered into by the County of Warren as operator and any governmental or other entity who owns a water distribution line that is conveyed to Warren County for operation and ownership.
  - B. Property located so as to be served by water distribution line: All property which abuts a right of way in which is installed and constructed a County operated water distribution line and whose improved property is located not more than 500 feet from said water distribution line.
  - C. Improved Property - Any property upon which is constructed or upon which is located a dwelling house, mobile home, apartment house, any building or structure used for human habitation, any commercial or industrial building or structure required by federal, state or local law to contain rest room facilities or which does contain rest room facilities and any other building, structure, or facility having need of water.
  
- 3. FAILURE TO CONNECT UNLAWFUL:** It shall be unlawful for any owner of improved property located so as to be served by said County owned or operated water distribution line who fails to so cause his property to be connected within 60 days after being notified in writing by the Public Works Department of the County of Warren to so connect his property.
  
- 4. CRIMINAL PENALTY, NOT EXCLUSIVE REMEDY: CONTINUING VIOLATIONS**
  - A. Criminal penalty: continuing violations: An owner of improved property located so as to be served by said County owned or operated Water Distribution line who fails to so cause his property to be connected within 60 days after being notified in writing by the Public Works Department of the County of Warren to so connect, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor as provided in N.C.G.S. 14-4 and that for each day that said owner fails to connect his property to said system shall constitute a separate and distinct offense; upon conviction, punishment shall be a fine not exceeding \$50.00 or by imprisonment not exceeding 30 days in jail for each offense.
  - B. Civil Remedies: Upon the failure of any owner of improved property located so as to be served by a County owned or operated Water Distribution line within 60 days after being served with Notice by the County of Warren Public Works Department to so connect shall be subject to civil remedies in the General Court of Justice for the imposition of Civil fines, the ordering of appropriate equitable relief, including injunction to compel such owner to connect his improved property to said water distribution line, or a combination of such remedies.

Duly adopted upon first reading this 6th day of December, 1999.

**ATTEST:**

By: /s/ Harry M. Williams. III  
Chairman, Warren County Board of Commissioners

/s/ Angelena Kearney-Dunlap Clerk to the Board