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Water Utility Certificate of Convenience and Necessity Application

A certificate of convenience & necessity (CCN) is given to an entity by the State to allow it to be the supplier of a utility in a specified area. The City of Kerrville is applying for a water utility CCN, to include the area within the City and to extend 2 miles out from the current city limits. Other current CCN's (i.e. private or subdivision water systems) are excluded from the proposed City CCN.

City Council has initiated this process in order to:

- Ensure the long-term availability of adequate water supplies for municipal purposes in Kerrville and Kerr County.
- Further develop conjunctive use of surface, ground and “aquifer stored” water within Kerrville and Kerr County.
- Encourage economical growth from increased levels of water availability.
- Ensure that future developments have the capacity for proper fire flow protection.

Below are common questions/answers related to this issue:

- The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality's (TCEQ) application process for a CCN can take a year or more.
- If citizens outside the city limits wish to connect to city water, the current procedures still apply.
- The City CCN has no effect over private well ownership in Kerr County. The City is not the regulatory entity over wells or drilling wells. If citizens own a well

or wishes to drill a well, Headwaters Groundwater Conservation District is the Kerr County regulatory agency to contact.

- Future development in the Kerrville area/CCN area may have the opportunity for city water.
- A CCN is not an annexation plan, and is not related or have anything to do with taxation.
- **If the proposed CCN is approved, other water systems cannot encroach in the City Limits or the City's CCN.**

With the proper water supplies and conservation measures that Kerrville has to offer, positive economic impact associated with smart growth will occur. Phone calls & inquires from the general public are to be directed to Utilities Administration (830) 792-8319 or (830) 792-8318.