



# UNION COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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## News Release

### Water and wastewater allocation plans amended

**July 12, 2011, Monroe, NC** – The Union County Board of Commissioners have amended the County’s policies for allocating water and wastewater to allow developers constructing multi-parcel commercial projects requiring a phased approach to secure water and wastewater capacity.

Union County Public Works in May made available approximately 445,000 gallons per day of additional wastewater treatment capacity and 443,000 gallons per day of water capacity for allocation to new non-residential projects.

Since May, several developers have applied for water and wastewater for construction projects that will require phased approaches because of their size and nature. Currently, the County’s policies for allocating water and wastewater don’t address phased projects.

To accommodate these multi-parcel commercial projects, commissioners amended the policies to require a developer to obtain a building permit within 270 days from approval of the portion of the project that will utilize a minimum of 25 percent of the water and/or wastewater treatment capacity. The previous policies required building permits for the entire development within 270 days. The developer must then begin construction within 180 days from issuance of the building permit. Construction of the entire project must be completed within five years and be ready for a Certificate of Occupancy.

To apply for available wastewater and water treatment capacity, visit Public Works located in the Union County Government Center at 500 N. Main Street in Monroe. For additional information, call 704-296-4210 or visit [www.co.union.nc.us](http://www.co.union.nc.us).

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