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Re: Coastal Barrier Resources Act (COBRA) Policy

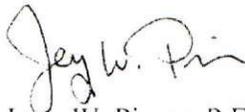
Dear Ms. Parker:

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners recently adopted a new policy entitled "Utility Service in Areas Regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act." The purpose of the policy is to clarify the County's position on providing water and sewer service in areas regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

A copy of the policy is enclosed and we hope that you will share the County's policy with any party that wishes to develop or build in a COBRA regulated area.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey W. Pierce, P.E.
Director of Public Utilities

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Enclosure

cc: Sandy Wood, Director of Building Inspections/Town of Sunset Beach





COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK
PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

POLICY NO.: 14-1
ADOPTION DATE: 9/15/14
REVISION NO.
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**Title: UTILITY SERVICE IN AREAS REGULATED BY THE COASTAL
BARRIER RESOURCES ACT (COBRA)**

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the County's position on providing water and/or sewer service in areas regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act.

B. APPLICABILITY

This policy applies to all property designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as being included in the John H. Chaffee Coastal Barrier Resources System and as such, is regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act as amended and retail water and/or sewer service is provided directly by Brunswick County Public Utilities. This policy does not apply to properties that are provided water and/or sewer service by another utility.

C. POLICY

Under the Coastal Barrier Resources Act, local governments will not be eligible for grants and/or reimbursements for construction or replacement of water and/or sewer mains that are constructed in areas regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. All other areas in the County would be eligible for reimbursement from FEMA for the repair and/or replacement of water and/or sewer mains in the event of a federally declared disaster in Brunswick County. The cost of repair or replacement of mains in the areas regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act will be the responsibility of the owner of the main.

Under the terms of this policy, Brunswick County will provide water and/or sewer service to properties regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. However, the County will not own or operate mains located in the areas regulated by the Coastal Barrier Resources Act. For water service, the County will place a master meter outside of the COBRA areas and the developer is responsible for extending the water main to serve their property. For sewer

service, the County will install a tap outside of the COBRA area and the developer will be responsible for extending the sewer service from the property to the tap.

D. PROCEDURES

The property owner or the property owner's engineer shall coordinate the installation of the water and/or sewer service to their property. The Engineering Department shall provide a copy of this policy to the interested party. No water and/or sewer service will be provided to this property until all plans and specifications have been approved and all fees are paid.