



ORDINANCE 2021-12-01
AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE A RESTRICTION ON THE ISSUANCE
OF NEW WATER CONNECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Trenton, Utah has had question as to whether the current water source serving residents of the town is of sufficient capacity and volume to allow an unrestricted number of new connections to be added to the system; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Town ran out of water in the year 2016 and residents were placed on involuntary water restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Trenton Town is continually conducting research for the purpose of assessing the water source in general and in particular the capacity and volume of the town water source; and

WHEREAS, the results of inquiry conducted thus far by the Town of Trenton has revealed that the Trenton water source may be of insufficient size and volume to sustain continued unrestricted growth of the Town and that the safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Trenton might be in question.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF TRENTON, UTAH that two (2) water connections be issued per calendar year, with the following procedures and requirements. This ordinance is effective from the date hereof until such time as further research and study deems appropriate.

1. Only 2 water connections will be available each calendar year.
2. Applications are available from the councilmember responsible for water or from the town clerk.
3. Applications must be submitted to the councilmember responsible for water, signed by both the councilmember and the applicant.
4. Water connections will be issued under the following terms:
 - a. Water connections are for a person(s) and a parcel with a limit of one connection per household per year. The person(s) applying must own or be under contract to purchase said parcel. They are non-transferable to either another person or parcel. Changes to ownership will result in a forfeiture of the connection permit and any/all fees paid. Only one application will be accepted for each parcel number, the first application received and not withdrawn before February 1st.

b. If your connection is for a residence, your zoning clearance must be obtained from the planning and zoning committee within 120 days of date of award of the permit. Otherwise the permit will be forfeited as well as any/all fees paid. Failure to meet deadlines required by the zoning clearance will result in a forfeiture of the connection permit and any/all fees paid.

c. If your connection is for stock watering, within 1 year of the connection being installed, you must be watering stock on that property. Stock must be watered on that property for the majority of the year for at least 3 years following the installation of the water connection. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a forfeiture of the connection permit and any/all fees paid. A water connection is for a maximum of 40 beef cattle or 20 dairy cattle or equivalent of other animals. Exceeding these limits will result in forfeiture of the connection permit and any/all fees paid.

d. Stock watering connections cannot be converted to a residential connection for at least 5 years, beginning Jan 2021 for all existing stock watering connections and for 5 years beyond water connection installation for all new water connections.

5. Applications will be accepted but no action taken from January 1 to January 31 of each year. At the February town council meeting, a drawing will be held to determine who gets the water connections available at that time, plus two ordered alternates.

a. The drawing for the first connection will include all applicants who are considered “new”. The drawing for the second connection will include all applicants, “new” and “old”.

i. To be considered “new” an applicant, or a member of their household, may not have received a water connection permit within the last 2 years.

ii. If an applicant, or member of their household, has received a water permit within the last 2 years, the applicant is considered “old”.

b. Receiving a connection permit (even if you forfeit it) for 2 consecutive years makes you ineligible to apply for a connection the following year.

c. Upon notification of receiving a water connection permit, the applicant has 30 days to pay the deposit indicated on the application. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the water connection permit and any/all fees paid.

6. If a connection permit is forfeited, the alternates will be notified in order and they will be under the same requirements listed in 4a,b,c,d & 5c.

7. If at any time after January, there are available connections, persons may apply and the connections will be awarded on a first come first served basis, limited to one per person or household, with the same requirements listed in 4a,b,c,d & 5c.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 7th day of December, 2021.

Lynn Payne
Mayor Trenton Town

ATTEST:

Macall Smith
Trenton Town Recorder