

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In Re: City of Laconia

**PETITION PURSUANT TO RSA 362:4 AND RSA 374:22 TO EXTEND WATER AND
SEWER SERVICE AREAS**

NOW COMES the City of Laconia, by and through its attorneys, Mitchell Municipal Group, P.A., and in petitioning to extend its water and sewer service area to 34 properties in the Town of Belmont states as follows:

1. The City of Laconia currently provides water and sewer services to its residents.
2. The City of Laconia seeks an extension of its water and sewer services to 18 residential lots in Belmont at the request of Mountain Lake Village, LLC (“Developer”). These lots are shown on the attached plan. See Exhibit 1. The specific franchise area the City seeks is limited to these 18 lots to be served. The deed to this property is attached as Exhibit 2 and a plan showing the proposed extension is attached as Exhibit 3.
3. The Laconia City Council has voted to approve this extension, see Letter from City Manager Kirk Beattie, attached as Exhibit 4; and the Town of Belmont concurs with the City’s request to establish the proposed franchise area. See Letter from Town Administrator Alicia Jipson, attached as Exhibit 5.
3. The City of Laconia Water and Sewer Departments have determined that the City of Laconia water and sewer systems contain sufficient capacity to accommodate this request and the addition will create no adverse effect on the existing water system or their current customers. See Exhibit 4.

4. The City of Laconia will provide service uniformly to the additional service area created in the Town of Belmont at a rate 15% higher than that charged to ratepayers in the City. See Exhibit 4.

5. Adding to the existing service area will be in the best interest of the potential customers in the area proposed for addition.

6. Expansion of the water and sewer lines will be funded by the Developer in the expanded service area, and the lot owners who will own the service lines from the curb stop and sewer main to their residences, so that approval of this request would also be in the best interest of the existing customers in that they will not endure any expansion cost. Additionally, the City of Laconia water system and sewer systems have sufficient excess capacity built into them to accommodate this request for additional service.

7. Since service to the proposed new area will be on the same terms as provided within the current service area (at the permitted rate of 15% higher than the rate charged to in city customers), and since no water or sewer utilities currently serve the area proposed for addition, the City of Laconia respectfully suggests that expedited review of this request and Petition would be appropriate and would preserve the PUC staff and commission time for more substantive matters.

WHEREFORE, the City of Laconia respectfully requests that this Commission:

A. Exempt the City of Laconia's request for extension from the formal review which may usually be required for expansion of a water utility service area, or grant such waivers of formal review as the PUC deems appropriate;

B. Approve the request for expansion, authorizing the City of Laconia to engage in the supply of water and sewer services within the area designated in Exhibit 1 without being considered a public utility as provided by RSA 362:4; and

C. Grant such other and further relief as the Commission deems just and necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

CITY OF LACONIA

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