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## Let more people hook up to water

Leslie Musante Sep 19, 2017

### MORE INFORMATION



Napa council to discuss increase to city water rates

If the City Water Department is trying to raise more money because consumption is down ("Napa council to discuss increase to city water rates," Sept. 17), why not let people in the county hook up?

You have to prove to an outside source that something major is wrong with your well, to get city water ( when it's 10 feet from your door). This has been in effect for nine years. Is it maybe time to rethink this?

**Leslie Musante**

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# Limitations to out-of-city water hookups

- Joy Eldredge
- Sep 21, 2017

In response to the letter “Let more people hook up to water,” Sept. 20: The ability for the city to extend water service to new customers in the county is not as simple as one might think.

State law requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to review and approve any request to serve city water outside the city limits, and approvals are generally limited to addressing an existing or impending threat to the health or safety of the public or the residents of the affected territory.

An additional limitation was established in 1999 when the city’s voters approved a ballot measure (Measure A, Charter Section 180) that effectively requires a 4/5 vote of City Council to approve a new water service outside the city limits.

Therefore, the city of Napa’s ability to serve in unincorporated areas of the county is limited.

**Joy Eldredge, Water General Manager**

**City of Napa**

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