

EXHIBIT 7

CARROLL COUNTY

ORDINANCE

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WHEREAS, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors (the "Board") has previously created the Carroll County Public Service Authority (the "PSA") pursuant to the provisions of the Virginia Water and Waste Authorities Act (§ 15.2-5100 et seq.) to provide water and sewer service within the County of Carroll and to promote the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Carroll County; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is becoming increasingly concerned about the availability of potable water to the citizens of Carroll County and the protection of groundwater in Carroll County and the Board has contributed funds to the PSA for construction and improvement of PSA facilities and worked with other adjacent localities on regional water and waste water projects; and,

WHEREAS, the Board is aware of the need to protect public health by ensuring the safety of the potable water supply, as well as the significant investment that such public water facilities represent, and hereby **FINDS** that healthful, safe and reliable potable water supply and facilities are of the utmost importance to residents of Carroll County; that unauthorized connections with, and use of the public water and sewer systems represents a threat to public health, risks damage to public water and waste treatment facilities, and threatens the financial sustainability of the public water and sewer system.

NOW, THEREFORE, in and for the above, and in order to protect the life, health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Carroll County and to protect the environment of the County, **BE IT ORDAINED** by the Board of Supervisors of Carroll County that the following Ordinance is hereby adopted and made a part of the Carroll County Code as follows:

Permit for connections, openings, etc.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to uncover, make any connections with or opening into, use, alter or disturb any public water line or sewer line or appurtenance thereof without first obtaining a written permit from the PSA. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to disconnect a water pipe, move or disturb a water meter or turn on the water on any service. It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to draw water from any service, fire hydrant, blow off, main, valve or any other facility of the county PSA water system without first arranging with the Director of the PSA for the same and paying all applicable charges pertaining thereto. This section shall not apply to the use of water for the legitimate purpose of extinguishing fires.

(b) Except for connection made when the public water or sewer line is originally installed and made available, water and sewer service line permits shall be required before making a connection to a public water or sewer line. The owner or his agent shall make application on a special form furnished by the PSA. The permit application shall be supplemented by any plans, specifications or other information considered pertinent in the judgment of the PSA. A permit and inspection fee for water and sewer service line permits, as determined by the PSA, shall be paid to the PSA at the time the application is filed. It shall be unlawful for any person to extend any pipe or use any device or attachment to supply water to any premises other than that described in the application for water and/or sewer service.

(c) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately.

Adopted this the ____ day of _____, 2008.

Attest:

Clerk, Carroll County Board of Supervisors