

TOWN OF SWANSBORO

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS POLICY--NO. 2
SEWER CONNECTION--INVOLUNTARY ANNEXATION**

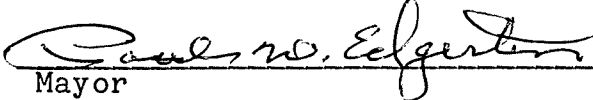
Based upon discussions by the Board of Commissioners it is agreed that a policy is needed to provide direction to the Town Manager and to serve as a base of information for the property owners within areas proposed for annexation regarding sewer service being provided by the Town of Swansboro.

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Swansboro realize that as a result of the involuntary annexation process, sometimes required service costs may be overly burdensome or even prohibitive for the property owner. One such cost is the requirement to tap and connect into a "force" sewer main. A pump would need to be sized according to the properties use (which may require an Professional Engineer), purchased, installed and maintained along with the lateral being connected into the force main system. Tap and impact fees would also be required, all at the expense of the property owner basically at the time of annexation. Some properties are also served by existing private systems. As a result, it is agreed that gravity sewer mains shall be installed instead of force mains, whenever reasonably possible.

Therefore, the following Board of Commissioners Policies shall apply regarding involuntary annexations:

- 1) Whenever reasonably possible, gravity sewer mains shall be planned for and installed instead of force mains.
- 2) If a force main exists or is caused to be installed in order to fulfill annexation requirements, property owners of developed tracts shall not be required to connect into the Towns sewer system for a period of five (5) years from the effective date of annexation. (This will provide additional time for the property owners to make any necessary arrangements). After five (5) years, properties which were developed on the effective date of annexation shall have paid all necessary tap and impact fees and be connected into the Towns force sewer system.
- 3) If a gravity sewer exists or is caused to be installed in order to fulfill annexation requirements, property owners of developed tracts shall be required to connect into the Towns gravity sewer system within one (1) year from the date of sewer availability and to have paid all necessary tap and impact fees.

Approved by the Town Board of Commissioners this 16th Day of
February 1993.


Mayor