



# Nonpublic Household Water Well Recommendation #12:

## Create Standards to Determine when Connecting to a Public Water Supply Must be Required

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### Proposed Action

1. State or local governments in Kansas will have provisions within their platting for construction of new homes, subdivisions, and businesses that allow for current or future connection to a public water supply and other public services at the time they are available.
2. Local governments with a public water supply system can require connection to public water supply for all household properties within 150 feet of a public water supply.

### Potential Funding

No new funding is needed to implement this recommendation.

### Background Information

Some developers do not partner with municipal services prior to building. As a result, some developers have built homes (in rural, remote, and urban areas) that do not connect to public services and instead rely on nonpublic water wells for household purposes. In fact, these homes are often constructed in a way that does not allow for current or future connections to public services.

### Why This Action Is Needed

The current practices are problematic as cities grow into what might have been previously designated as rural or remote areas. If contamination, such as the “Four Seasons Dry Cleaners” plume, is identified after the area has been developed, connection to municipal services is extremely expensive.

Additionally, to ensure the public’s safety, municipalities dedicate considerable costs and time to maintain quality services. To maximize upon these municipal water supply efforts and ensure that residents within the city limits have access to clean and safe water, a city government can require property owners to connect to the public water supply if the property is within 150 feet of a public water supply. This was the case in west Wichita; some residents would have connected had this been in place.



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