

Town of Ulysses Water Policies

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Article ____ : District Creation/Extension Policy

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Town residents are entitled to formally petition for the creation of a water district or for the extension of an existing one per New York State Town Law, Chapter 62, Article 12.

Additionally, the Town Board has the ability to initiate new water districts or extensions, subject to permissive referendum, per New York State Town Law, Chapter 62, Article 12A.

In recognition that the formal petition process may be an economic burden to those property owners requesting water, the Town Board may explore forming new water districts or extensions if 75% of residents in the proposed district/extension sign a request form provided by the Town for a district/extension formation and submit these requests and a map of the service area to the Town Clerk.

The Town Board should review the Town's Comprehensive Plan, Agriculture Plan, and any other Town plans or documents applicable to the topic and area of the Town. The Town Board should also solicit feedback from applicable staff, including, but not limited to, the Water Supervisor, Water Operator, Water Clerk, Town Planner, and Town Supervisor. Initial feasibility discussions should also occur with the Town Engineer. A public hearing, for the purposes of gathering public feedback, will also be held before the Town Board undertakes the initial formation of any potential water district/extension.

If the Town Board decides to initiate the creation of a new district/extension, additional information will be gathered as part of the process, including necessary engineering reports, environmental studies, any additional required documents or studies, and cost estimates associated with the proposed creation and construction of the district. These costs would be paid by the new district/extension service area as part of the debt associated with the overall district/extension if the district/extension was formally established.

The formal creation of the district or extension under this process would be subject to permissive referendum of those properties in the identified service area.