

## Water Data and Accountability

At issue: The concept of “Taxation Without Representation”?

1. Is the area that is served water outside the municipal boundary part of the “service area” of the serving city?
2. Is the “service area” part of the serving city’s 40-year water projection?
3. Are the residents who are served outside the municipal boundary considered “the public” by the serving city?
4. Are non-residents who receive their water service by a serving city on equal footing as far as permanent water service?
5. Are residents outside the municipal boundary being charged a different rate than those inside the city boundary? Why or why not?
6. If yes, what are those rates, what is the price difference and how did the serving city arrive at those rates?
7. Where is the money collected from non-residents by the serving city being directed and spent?
8. Do any funds from non-residents go the general fund of the serving city?
9. When a city serves water customers outside their municipal boundaries, is that water a terminable water source?
10. If a city serves water outside their municipal boundaries and owns the water systems and infrastructure; is the serving city responsible for maintaining, and replacing those systems?
11. Are the replacement schedules for those systems available to the public?
12. When monies are collected for maintaining and replacing those systems, is that money spent in the area it is collected?
13. Are the monies collected, actually being spent on infrastructure replacement or are those monies spent elsewhere?

Possible solutions: Serving city cannot impose a differential water rate on non-residents without the approval of the non-residents city and or county council. If the city and or county council cannot agree to the proposed rates charged by the providing city, the proposed rates must go to the Public Service Commission (PSC)