



S U R V E Y R E S U L T S

City of Kerrville Certificate of Convenience and Necessity

Results of our survey indicate the majority of citizens are not in favor of the City of Kerrville having jurisdiction over water service outside the city limits and do not favor the TCEQ granting a CCN to the city. In addition an overwhelming majority of citizens believe the city is not adequately maintaining the city's infrastructure.

Based on our survey results, EyeOnGovernment recommends the following action be taken by the City of Kerrville.

The city rescind their request to TCEQ for a CCN.

The city develop a detailed plan and timeline (if not currently done) for improving the city's infrastructure and publish this to the general public via local media.

DETAILED SURVEY RESULTS

1. Please tell us where you live.

Kerrville - 55%

Kerr County - 45%

Outside Kerr County - 0%

2. Tell us how important this project is to you as a citizen of Kerrville / Kerr County. (1 being the most important, 10 being the least important)

Most Important (1-5) - 37%

Least Important (6-10) - 63%

3. Do you believe the City of Kerrville is adequately maintaining city infrastructure (streets, sewers, water mains, storm drains, etc.)?

Yes - 25%

No - 75%

4. Are you in favor of the City of Kerrville having jurisdiction over water service to areas outside the city limits of Kerrville?

Yes - 12.5%

No - 87.5%

5. Are you in favor of the City of Kerrville (rather than county officials) having the authority to approve construction of water systems outside the city limits?

Yes - 17.5%

No - 82.5%

6. Are you in favor of TCEQ (Texas Commission on Environmental Quality) granting the City of Kerrville a CCN (Certificate of Convenience and Necessity - extending the ETJ [Extra Territorial Jurisdiction] two miles)?

Yes - 12.5%

No - 87.5%

COMMENT DETAILS

(Pro CCN comments shown in green - 0/19 - 0%)

1. Since there is already a mechanism in place to extend the ETJ once the population reaches 25,000, I see no need to spend time and money to accelerate this.
2. The City is doing a very poor job with infrastructure within the current city limits and chooses to focus on projects of less importance. Example, funding for the old KEDF which appears to be a gravy train for friends who are using funds to travel to DC for grants for a new interchange which enhances a private individual's property. "need" is missing in this instance. AND, the roads in the city are in deplorable condition. Just two current aggravations, but there are many more
3. The current county commissioners appear to have a good understanding of the needs of Kerr County and have demonstrated logical and wise decisions to the projects they are responsible for. The same can not be said for the City council when reviewing some of their past decisions. ie: not allowing Murphy Oil to build a service station at the Walmart site because of the danger of spilled gas going into the River. That decision alone has cost the population of Kerr County to pay a premium for years when neighboring cities and towns are always offering lower gas prices because of competition from stations like Murphy's. That decision smelled like the local station operators had too much influence on the City council.
4. Any gov't entity taking more control is a danger to individual property rights.
5. 25,000 pop. seems to be the magic number! Surely we have surpassed that by now. It's also the number that mandates that we include storm-water filtration in our street (rain) run-off. Currently, we have NO filtration in ANY of our storm drains.....they ALL go directly to our

- river. So much for the river being “such a precious resource”!
6. This city has failed to maintain the existing infrastructure. What makes anyone think that adding to it would lessen that poor quality of service if the burden were to increase?
 7. This seems to be a power struggle between city and county. The city should have no jurisdiction over county matters.
 8. The city of Kerrville and the Chamber should not try to encourage more construction of housing here. This is a desert and eventually there will be a very bad drought as there has been in the past and for the city and other water officials trying to put water meters on extra territorial jurisdiction well owners is terrible. They want county people to take the responsibility for the cities agenda of encouraging additional people here.. BAD. Approve the quality of life of the people here and if industrious people want additional people have them apply to Fredericksburg or Boerne. Improve what we have. Do not enlarge it.
 9. The city is not a good steward of water. City staffers & city officials deny the severity of our Hill Country water situation. They have neither been transparent nor truthful with CCN information. Many examples of false information can be derived from the city council meetings and the town hall meetings. The unstated reason for the CCN is a water source for unfettered development benefitting a few developers and contractors. Bruce Motheral is on record proposing “one stop shopping” for developers. With the proposed CCN his plan would be one step closer and the Kerr County aquifers would be further threatened.
 10. The city does not take good care of its own area now ... why would we want it to take us into its jurisdiction?
 11. The City’s system is highly dependent on very junior water rights from the Guadalupe, which have been and will continue to be restricted by the water master. We do not have enough water for the existing customers or enough to furnish water to the infill within the city limits. The CCN obligates Kerrville to furnish water to every qualified applicant within 60,000 new acres (The city contains less than 12,000 acres now).
 12. I think it should wait until the population reaches the 25000 mark and not jump the gun.
 13. This is a bad idea. The City is trying to prevent another Kerrville South without recognizing that such a development would be impossible today. Plus, by allowing landowners with more than 28 acres to opt out, you have eliminated the large tracts that will be developed that the City wants to control. Better they should pay attention to what needs fixing IN the City.
 14. If proper water needs were planned from the beginning the city would be able to annex new areas without excessive costs being incurred to bring streets and water and sewer up to prescribed standards.
 15. I have two properties in involved area and have exercised my option to “Opt out” . I currently do not trust any government body and believe that will expand their powers to more strictly regulate my water on my property.
 16. Annexation by Kerrville has always been about TAXES and not about services or safety. The City broke the law by not providing service to annexed areas beyond the airport and finally had to reverse the annexation by court order. They did not refund TAXES. The City simply cannot be trusted.
 17. I think the City needs to be more concerned with the problems we have now. Our streets are in terrible shape. They fix a few of the roads and I guess that's supposed to satisfy us. But there are more streets that need re-surfacing and drainage. (Lois Street - Hill Country Drive) I think the county should have the authority to approve construction of water systems until

such time that the population exceeds 25,000.

18. This is just another example of the dominance and control Kerrville City Council strives to maintain. They would have the right to pump water from over 60,000 acres located in and around Kerr County. What would that do to the aquifer? And what would it cost to the taxpayers living in the County, but within the City's jurisdiction. At the same time, it would necessarily cause property owners a loss of property rights and groundwater rights within the City's controlled area. Another prime example of CONTROL, CONTROL, CONTROL by the City Council. From whos mind on City Council did this wonderful idea formulate? Some years ago when several City Council members were booted out after a successful recall election, the City initiated Charter Amendments for City Council members to be only be recalled from office for more restrictive causes (i.e. - protecting their own), and required more signatures for a petition of removal. Perhaps the citizens should initiate a referendum to amend the City Charter which would allow Council members to be recalled from office for less restrictive reasons than those currently stated and lessen the number of Petitioners required for such a removal. This writer does not live in the City, however, currently owns a business in the City, has owned other property located in the City, and currently pays City taxes. Thank you! I finally feel like someone is giving me the opportunity to have a voice regarding the City of Kerrville!!!
19. The city needs to take a look at the mess a majority of the streets IN the city are in and maintain them along with other major problems such as the screwed up traffic (and traffic lights) before they start trying to interfere with ETJ problems.