



Notice to Owners and Contractors

Effective immediately, Indian River County (IRC) will be issuing citations to anyone violating County Code as it pertains to unlawful connections to water or sewer services or damages to any part of the County's water or sewer system. A citation will result in a \$500 fine as well as other penalties and fees as allowed for under IRC code. Violators may also be reported to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

IRC Code Section 201.13. - Unlawful connection.

No person shall be allowed to connect into any water line or sewer line owned by the county or use water or sewer services without the written consent of the county. Connections shall be made only under the direction and supervision of the department. Any person who makes any connection or receives any benefit from connection to water or sewer service without consent of the county shall be subject to the penalties hereinafter provided, and will be required to pay the county for the use of utility services at a rate three (3) times the normal customer charge, service availability charge, volume charge, excess volume surcharge, and excess sewage strength charge. The department will estimate the amount of utility services unlawfully used.

IRC Code Section 201.26. - Prohibition against damaging equipment.

It shall be illegal and subject to the punishment provided herein for any person to maliciously, willfully break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface or tamper with any structure, appurtenance or equipment which is a part of the county water or sewerage systems.