

# FIRST CRAVEN SANITARY DISTRICT

## FACT SHEET FOR RUNNING FOR OFFICE

First Craven Sanitary District was created in 1978. A Sanitary District is created "for the purpose of preserving and promoting the public health and welfare" of the citizens within the District. Although a Sanitary District by law can provide many different public services, this District was created for and still provides public water within the service district. The District water system started providing water in 1982 and currently serves approximately 2400 service connections.

The District boundaries include all of Township 2 in Craven County (including the Town of Bridgeton and the Askins community) except for the Fairfield Harbor community.

Currently, the District has 4 full-time employees (a Manager, an Administrative Assistant, and 2 Water Operators) and a 5 member Board.

- The 5 member Sanitary District Board oversees the finances of the District and sets policy, similar to any town or county commission, except First Craven Sanitary Districts only job at this time is to run and operate a public water system.
- Any residence within the District can run for and be elected to the Sanitary District Board.
- In 2009, and quadrennially thereafter, members of the First Craven Sanitary District Board shall be elected for Seats 1 and 2 for four-year terms. In 2011 and quadrennially thereafter, members of the First Craven Sanitary District Board shall be elected for Seats 3, 4, and 5 for four-year terms. Ref. Session Law 2009-35 Sec. 1.
- If a vacancy occurs, by law, the County Commissioners have the authority to appoint a member if there is a vacancy to fill the unexpired term up to the next election. Historically, the First Craven Sanitary District would recommend to the Commissioners a replacement and they would make the appointment.