

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 23671

A RESOLUTION SETTING FORTH PROCEDURE AND AGREEMENT TERMS FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR SEWER CONNECTIONS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

That the procedure and agreement terms for handling requests for Sewer Connections outside the limits of the City of Coral Gables, Florida shall be as follows:

STEP I - PROCEDURE The applicant shall make a written preliminary request to the Public Works Director for the proposed outside sewer connection, with the understanding that each outside connection may or may not be allowed based on the merit and feasibility to the City in permitting said outside sewer connection. The City will favorably consider only those applications which will not jeopardize any potential future connections by residents within the City. The written preliminary request shall include the following information before processing is initiated:

1. A check made out to the City of Coral Gables in the sum of \$300.00 to cover Step 1 processing costs and engineering and consultant review costs.
2. Name of applicant.
3. Address of applicant.
4. Telephone number of applicant.
5. Address of property to be connected.
6. Legal description of property to be connected.
7. Letter from each government agency having jurisdiction where applicant's property is located, stating that connection to City sewer system is acceptable.
8. Maximum, minimum, and average design sewer flows as anticipated submitted in writing by a registered civil engineer currently licensed to practice in the State of Florida.
9. A preliminary sketch showing the **applicant's** property boundaries, the initially anticipated route of connection through the City and the point of connection within the City.

Upon completion of the foregoing Step I review by the Public Works Department, the Director of Public Works shall advise the applicant of the Step I review results in writing. If the Step I review is negative, the decision of the Director may be appealed by the applicant to the City Commission by written notice to the City Manager.

STEP II - PROCEDURE If the Step I review is positive, or if the Step I review is negative but the applicant wishes to appeal to the City Commission the applicant shall be given a copy of City Code Chapter 26, "Sanitary Sewer Systems" and also Ordinance No. 1779 and Ordinance No. 2260 and any other ordinances pertinent to City Code Chapter 28, "Streets and Sidewalks", "Storm and Sanitary Sewer Installation", and the agreement terms for outside sanitary sewer connections, as hereinafter set forth.

Agreement Terms An applicant/customer for a sanitary sewer connection from outside the City of Coral Gables shall expressly agree as follows:

1. To pay a connection fee of \$1,100.00 per 1,000 gallons per day of peak demand, paid concurrently upon signing this agreement. The connection charge shall be made on the **basis of** an agreed upon estimated gallonage, which shall be subject to review after six **months'** usage and the final connection cost shall be adjusted to reflect actual usage if greater, but in no case less than the amount originally charged. An alternate method of payment for such sewer service connection charges may be granted **whereby**, in lieu of paying connection charges at time of execution of customer agreement, the applicant or customer may be permitted to file with the City a cash bond in an amount to be agreed upon between the City Manager and the customer, guaranteeing installment payments of said sewer service connection charges.
2. To comply with all conditions set forth under Chapter 26 of the City Code and Ordinance **Nos.** 1779 and 2260 and any other pertinent ordinances, copies of which the applicant/customer has reviewed and fully acknowledged by agreeing hereto, except that rates applied to the outside connection shall be 75% greater than the rates applicable to the same connection within the City.
3. To the billing and collecting of sewer service charges by **Miami-Dade** Water & Sewer Authority. Sewer service charges and water service charges shall be due and payable at the same time, the customer not being permitted to pay water service charges without the payment of the sewer service charges. In the event that any sewer service charge remains unpaid 30 days after the due date, the water service affected shall be discontinued. All sewer service charges to any building or structure or unit remaining unpaid 30 days after due date shall become a lien against and upon the lands to which service has been furnished to the same extent as the lien for special assessments in the City of Coral Gables, with the same penalties and the same rights of collection and sale as would apply for Coral Gables taxes.
4. To pay the entire cost of whatever facilities are required from the source of the sewage to the point of connection with the Coral Gables system.
5. To furnish the City Attorney with a copy of the deed for each unit of property making outside connection.
6. To install and maintain facilities for such **pre-treatment** of wastes as may from time to time be found necessary to render the wastes suitable for handling and treatment by the City without creation of nuisances. Under operational difficulty, the reasonable determination by the City and the City consulting engineers shall be binding. The following shall be generally required in all cases:
 - a. Grease separation facilities required without exception.
 - b. **Comminutors** required except where flow is directly to a **City comminutor**.
 - c. Screens may be required at discretion of City in cases of laundries and similar sources of rags, string and lint.
 - d. Prechlorination in case of long force mains.
7. To provide City with plans and **specifications** in quadruplicate for applicant/customer sanitary sewer facilities as prepared by a registered civil engineer, licensed to practice in the State of Florida and fully experienced and qualified in the design of sanitary sewer systems. Said plans and **specifications** shall be reviewed by the City and returned to the applicant/customer marked for revision until the plans are returned marked approved and signed as such by the Director of Public Works.

A composite plan/profile survey of existing utilities shall be prepared of each Coral Gables right-of-way through which a pipeline run is proposed, showing the exact relationship between and among all existing and proposed facilities. The City may refuse to process the plans unless the composite picture is **complete**, so that the most feasible route with the least inconvenience to residents may be confirmed by the Director of Public Works.

8. To provide a cut-off valve at the point of connection with the Coral Gables system. This cut-off valve shall be shown and described in the above plans and **specifications**.

9. To provide City with letter from said licensed/registered engineer stating that said engineering services have been retained to provide full-time resident inspection during construction and installation of said facilities. Upon completion of the **installation**, said engineer shall certify in writing that the work has been fully and properly installed, and that infiltration is within allowable limits.

10. To have proposed installations shown on said approved plans and **specifications** constructed and installed only by a fully licensed and qualified contractor, who shall also obtain all prerequisite construction permits from each agency having jurisdiction prior to initiating work in the field.

11. To keep City informed of work progress and connections inside and outside the City so that City inspectors may confirm the integrity of the facilities at each key point.

12. To be solely responsible for continuing maintenance and operation of said facilities. The owners or tenants shall be informed by the customer that the City is not responsible for such maintenance and operation.

13. To not permit any other connection of the customer connecting lines to the City system except those listed in the agreement. Any additional connections, if permitted, shall be subject to approval by the City and the original connection charge shall be increased to reflect the additional sewage **added**.

14. To provide that the monthly charge computed at the volumetric base rate be multiplied by a sewage strength surcharge factor computed as an increase in the base rate of 1/4% per part per million of monthly average BOD in excess of 250 ppm, for example:

<u>MONTHLY BOD</u>	<u>MULTIPLIER</u>
250 or less	1.000
260	1.025
270	1.050
280	1.075
290	1.125
400	1.375
500	1.625
1000	2.875

15. To provide that the cost and provision of suitable facilities for sampling by City personnel be borne by the customer.

If after a review of the foregoing documents which regulate all outside connections, the applicant still wishes to pursue Step II of the application, the applicant shall then request in writing to the City Manager that the matter be placed on the agenda of the next regular Commission Meeting for consideration and final determination by the City Commission. The decision of the City Commission shall be final and subject to no other recourse or **appeal**. No reliance for approval by the City Commission shall be assumed by the applicant before approval by the City Commission publicly assembled in regular or special session.

If the City Commission approves the application for outside connection, the applicant shall arrange to meet with the City Attorney for the purpose of executing the agreement for said connection and to concurrently pay the connection fee established therein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS NINTH DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 1982.

APPROVED:

WILLIAM H. CHAPMAN
MAYOR

ATTEST:

VIRGINIA L. PAUL
CITY CLERK
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