

FORT PIERCE FARMS WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
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APPLICATION, REVIEW AND USE FEES

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1. General

Fees for evaluating and processing applications for connection to, or construction in, under, over, or within District right-of-way may consist of the following:

1. Permit Processing Fee.
2. Review Deposit.
3. Usage Fees.

In submitting application to the District for permit, the Applicant acknowledges responsibility for all fees incurred by the District in review of the project, including but not limited to all administrative, engineering, and legal costs. An application will be considered or reviewed only after the required processing fee and review deposit have been received. Processing fee and deposit amounts are detailed in Schedules A and C below. Processing fees and usage fees, as applicable, for utility applications are provided in Schedule B. A separate permit application and fee are required for each individual canal affected by the proposed activity, unless variance is granted by the board.

The property owner acknowledges and agrees that by filing the application, that the District and its Engineers will do work amounting to professional services or services to the property of owner to make the property suitable as a site for the construction of improvements. Non-payment of fees shall entitle the District to file construction liens as appropriate pursuant to Florida Statutes §§713.03 or 713.04 (2008).

The review deposit shall serve as escrow, and shall be deposited into an interest-bearing account with any accrued interest to be retained by the District. The Applicant shall be invoiced on a monthly basis for all costs attributable to the application or project certification, which the District incurred during the previous month, in accordance with the review rates outlined in Schedule D. The Applicant shall reimburse the District within thirty (30) days of receipt of invoice. **Failure by the Applicant to make such reimbursement when due shall abate the pending application review until paid.** In the event of non-payment, the amount due shall be drawn from the escrow account. The pending application process will remain on hold until the escrow account is reimbursed and any outstanding invoices are paid.

An application left dormant for more than six months may be closed without prejudice and any outstanding review fees will be applied against the review deposit. Any future application for development of all or a portion of the referenced property will be subject to the District review fees and payment schedule in place at the time of the new application, and any outstanding review fees must be paid before the review process can begin on a new application.

Any unused funds in escrow shall be refunded to the applicant after project certification by the engineer of record is received and approved by the District.

Every applicant is strongly encouraged to arrange a pre-application meeting with the District Engineer prior to preparing an application for District review and evaluation. The staff can offer assistance in providing information and answering questions. All applicants for projects within the St. Lucie County “*Towns, Villages and the Countryside*” (TVC) planning area are required to attend a mandatory pre-application meeting with District staff held jointly, where possible, with the St. Lucie County TVC planning manager. A Pre-Application Form, signed by the property owner, shall be filed with the District to request a pre-application meeting or release of technical information.

If requested by the applicant, the District will provide a “good faith estimate” of costs before initiating its review of an application. This estimate will be furnished only after the applicant has attended a pre-application meeting or submitted a completed application with supporting data, the processing fee, and the review deposit, if required. Further:

1. The District neither guarantees nor implies that the final fee will not vary from the good faith estimate.
2. All costs shall be paid by the applicant, whether the permit is approved or denied.
3. If an application is approved, a permit will be issued only after all costs have been paid, as specified herein.

At the discretion of the Board, payment for all costs incurred, including processing fees, may be made by municipal or government agency applicants at the time of permit issuance and again at the time of certification acceptance. An accepted Good Faith Estimate Form or purchase order, signed by an authorized government agency representative, must be on file with the District, in lieu of a review deposit, prior to consideration or review of a permit application.

2. Fee Waiver for Applications

Fees for evaluating and processing an application may be waived by the Board of Supervisors if, in the Board’s judgment, the requested facility or improvement is a public works project that will result in obvious and direct benefits to the District’s landowners or other residents of St. Lucie County.

Schedule A: Permit Processing Fees

Permit Type	Fee ⁽¹⁾⁽³⁾
<i>Irrigation Connection:</i> New facility, or replacement of an existing facility. ⁽²⁾	\$50 + Review Deposit (if applicable)
<i>Gravity Drainage Connection:</i> Replacement of existing facility and requiring no SFWMD permit. ⁽²⁾	\$50
<i>Gravity or Pump Drainage Connection:</i> New facility, or requiring a SFWMD permit. ⁽²⁾	\$75 + Review Deposit (if applicable)
<i>Canal Crossing:</i> Replacement of an existing facility.	\$75 + Review Deposit (if applicable)
<i>Canal Crossing:</i> New facility.	\$150 + Review Deposit (if applicable)
<i>Special Use, or Not Covered Above.</i>	\$100 + Review Deposit (if applicable)
<i>Spoil Removal:</i> Adjacent landowner.	No Fee
<i>Spoil Removal:</i> Other than adjacent landowner.	\$100 + Market Rate, as determined by the Board of Supervisors.
<i>Utility Construction.</i>	See Schedule B

- ⁽¹⁾ See **Schedule C** for applicable Review Deposit amounts, unless waived by the Board of Supervisors.
- ⁽²⁾ The discharge of any gravity or pump drainage connection, or any irrigation connection that can be converted to a drainage connection (e.g., two-way pump), shall be limited to the volumetric equivalent of not more than 2.6 inches of depth per day (2.6"/day) over the area served.
- ⁽³⁾ See **Schedule D** for applicable Review Fee Rates.
- ⁽⁴⁾ Per approval by the Board of Supervisors

Schedule B: Permit Processing and Usage Fees for Utility Applications

Description	Fee ⁽²⁾
Utility permit application (one per canal).	\$500 + Review deposit and applicable fees, below.
Crossing over or under canal or R/W.	\$50 each crossing.
Facilities such as poles; guy wire/anchor units; valve boxes; manholes; etc., in District R/W and having less than 48 inches of cover.	\$200 each.
Utility line in District R/W.	\$7,920 per mile (\$1.50 per foot) per year. ⁽¹⁾
Other.	As determined by the Board.

- ⁽¹⁾ Subject to escalation when, and as, determined by the Board of Supervisors.
- ⁽²⁾ See **Schedule C** for applicable Review Deposit amounts, unless waived by the Board of Supervisors.
- ⁽³⁾ Per approval by the Board of Supervisors

Schedule C: Review Deposit Amounts

Project Type	Deposit Amount
<i>Development Projects</i>	
Less than or equal to 10 acres	\$2,000
Over 10 acres to 40 acres	\$2,500
Over 40 acres to less than 100 acres	\$3,500
100 acres or more	\$5,000
<i>Roadway Projects</i>	
Designs with zero or one discharge control structure	\$2,000
Each additional control structure	\$500
<i>Bridge or Culvert Crossings</i>	
0 to 100 feet in length	\$2,000
Each additional 20 linear foot or fraction thereof	\$50
<i>Irrigation Connections</i>	
	\$2,000
<i>Utility Construction</i>	
	\$2,000
<i>Other</i>	
	To be determined by District

Schedule D: Review Deposit Rates

Description	Hourly Rate
Clerical	\$40
Field Representative	\$60-90
Engineer	\$80-190
Attorney	\$200
Other	At prevailing rate.
Direct Expenses	At Cost