



MANDATORY IRRIGATION CONNECTION

May 16, 2025

Name

Owner Other

Address

Address 2

City, State Zip

Foreign

RE: Site Address:
Strap:

Site Address
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In November of 2023, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) initiated an emergency order and declared a water shortage for a portion of northeast Cape Coral. The water source for the geographic area affected by this emergency order is the Mid-Hawthorn Aquifer. On March 5, 2025, in response to this emergency order, City Council approved Ordinance 7-25 mandating connection to the City's irrigation system for all properties in this area. Mandatory irrigation connection includes installation of the Kit A spigot and connection to in-ground sprinklers when present. The parcel referenced above is located within the Mid-Hawthorn Aquifer. City irrigation service is available to this parcel, but as of the date of this letter, no request for irrigation service has been received.

Since you have a home or business on this property, you are required to comply with City of Cape Coral Code of Ordinances, Section 19-2.5e stating that connection to an approved irrigation system is mandatory within 180 days of this notice. Irrigation charges shall be in effect upon connection or 180 days from this notice, whichever occurs first. Connection to the irrigation system is mandatory.

Connection Information:

1. The 'Irrigation Connection Application' needs to be filled out at www.capecoral.gov.
 - Navigate to "I want to" – Apply for – Water and Sewer Service – Expansion/New Construction -- Online Irrigation Connection Application
2. A no-fee permit and inspection are required to connect in-ground automatic sprinklers to the irrigation system.
3. For residential properties without automatic sprinkler systems, a Kit-A irrigation connection is still required. No permit is necessary.
4. Fees
 - Properties in this area were already charged the appropriate Capital Facility Expansion Charges (CFEC) or Utility Capital Expansion Fees (UCEF). These properties have an irrigation connection credit that corresponds with the assigned potable water meter size. If no additional demand on the system is required, no additional fees will be due. If the property owner requires additional ERUs, an additional fee will be charged as outlined in Chapter 2 Article 2 of the Code of Ordinances.



If you have any questions or need clarification on the information contained herein, please contact the following:

Customer Billing Services Division - New Construction / UEP
Phone - 239-242-3853
Email – uepnewconst@capecoral.gov

For information regarding current utility rates, forms and frequently asked questions, please visit the City's website www.capecoral.gov.

Additional Information:

1. You can expect to incur a plumber's fee for connection to irrigation service.
2. Please be aware that the permittee is responsible for any damage to City infrastructure, including the roadside swales, pavement, etc. All damage must be repaired prior to final inspection and closure of the permit.
3. Planting trees within 7 feet and palms within 5 feet of the City utilities can damage the utilities and is prohibited. Lateral plantings (e.g., canopy trees and palm trees) within the right-of-way is regulated by Section 5.5.18 of the City Code. Violation of this Code can lead to the landscaping materials being removed by the City at the cost of the Property Owner.

Warning – If your parcel is located in an eagle-nest zone, machinery cannot be used in making the utility connection between October 15 and May 15. If you are advised by the City when you pull your permits to connect that you are located in an eagle-nest zone and you elect to make the connection between October 15 and May 15, the connection must be made without the use of machinery, or you may connect with the use of machinery after May 15 but prior to the deadline for making your connection as stated in this letter.

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