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INTRODUCTION

The Main Extension Policy is to provide a basis for determining customer utility access requirements for main extensions to the sanitary sewer, potable water and/or reclaimed water systems owned by Charlotte County Utilities (CCU) within its water and sewer public service areas. This policy shall apply only to CCU-owned system(s) and does not apply to any other Utility certificated services areas within Charlotte County Boundaries.

EXTENSION POLICY

GENERAL

1. Main extension(s) shall consist of one or more new mains and appurtenances which are to be owned by CCU upon final acceptance, including mains lying wholly within a new development or property.
2. For the purposes of this policy, the customer(s) who own the subject property and who are the principals involved in the request for extension, development, redevelopment/expansion and/or site modification shall be designated as the Owner/Developer
3. Consistent with CCU Utility access availability requirements (see Policy # 5.003, Access Availability), Owner/Developers pursuing connection to CCU potable water, sanitary sewer and/or reclaimed water utility systems shall apply to CCU for such connection for a specific development or property. CCU will determine whether main extension(s) is/are required, in which case this Policy shall apply. Utility main extensions may also be required where existing active connections are in place for a development or property but where existing main lines do not currently extend to the limits of the development or property.
4. The Owner/Developer shall be responsible for the cost of all required main extension(s), including engineering, construction, inspection, administrative and legal costs for the sizes, depth and/or length so designated in this Policy.
5. If CCU increases the size, depth and/or the length of a main extension beyond the designated size, depth and/or length required for utility connection of the development or property defined further in this Policy, CCU will be responsible for the increased cost based on the terms established in its Uniform Extension Policy and consistent with the design requirement below. CCU shall determine the appropriate cost adjustments for size, depth and/or length as per this Policy.

DETAILS

1. The Owner/Developer shall either submit plans of the proposed main extension to CCU for approval or request CCU to provide such plans at the Owner/Developer's expense.

2. Main extensions shall be designed and constructed in accordance with all current applicable CCU technical and material specifications, policies and requirements located on CCU Utilities website.
3. Main extensions shall be extended to the property limits of the development or property along all public roads which abut the development or property or in other locations designated by CCU. Main extensions may or may not be located on the same side of a public road as the development or property.

CCU shall be responsible for all main extensions required to connect the development or property to the utility system(s) which must be extended in front of or along side an existing connected property(s). Each utility system will be considered separately and the length of such main extension determined by CCU based upon the latest property records

4. Potable water main and reclaim water main extension(s):
 - The Owner/Developer shall design and construct the required potable water main and/or reclaim water main extension(s) based upon the size determined by CCU. The Owner/Developer shall be responsible for all costs of the potable water main and/or reclaim water main extension(s) as follows: 8 inches or less in diameter for residential developments and 12 inches or less in diameter for commercial developments. CCU will be responsible for the increased incremental materials oversizing cost for potable water main and/or reclaim water main extension(s) for larger diameter mains.
5. Sanitary Sewer main extension:
 - Gravity: The Owner/Developer shall design and construct the required sanitary sewer main extension(s) based upon the size and depth determined by CCU. The Owner/Developer shall be responsible for all costs of the sanitary sewer extension(s) as follows: 10 inches or less in diameter to a depth of fifteen (15) feet for residential developments and 15 inches or less in diameter to a depth of eighteen (18) feet for commercial developments. CCU will be responsible for the increased incremental materials oversizing cost for sanitary sewer extension(s) for larger diameter mains and the increased incremental costs for greater depths than those specified above.
 - Low-Pressure Sewer System (residential only): The Owner/Developer shall design and construct the sanitary sewer main extension based upon the size and depth determined by CCU. The Owner/Developer shall be responsible for all costs of the sanitary sewer extension(s) as follows: 4 inches or less in diameter for residential developments. CCU will be responsible the increased incremental materials oversizing cost for sanitary sewer extension(s) for larger diameter mains.
6. All fire hydrants necessary for protection of the development or property shall be installed at the Owner/Developer's expense. See CCU Design Manual and Minimum Drawing Requirements for detailed number, location and other related requirements located on CCU Utilities website.
7. All main extension(s) shall be located in public rights-of-way, non-exclusive utility easements or CCU-owned easements. All easements shall be in compliance with the requirements defined in the CCU Design Manual and Minimum Drawing Requirements.
8. CCU will own all utility assets in the public right-of-way and easements.

Disclaimer: Utilities Director reserves the right to change or waive the terms of this policy at any time for unique circumstances.