

## **SECTION 13**

### **FEEES**

#### 13.1 GENERAL

It is the policy of the District to collect fees for all projects located within the boundaries of the District. Fees are collected for paving and drainage, lake excavation, subdivision plats, variances, releases and other functions of the District as established by the Board of Commissioners. All fees are established to help the District defray the cost of enforcing the requirements of the District as established by the District Charter and Criteria Manual. It is recommended that the applicant consult with the District to verify the current amount of the listed fees.

#### 13.2 PLANS REVIEW

The fee for the review of any paving and drainage project submitted to the District shall be \$250.00. This fee is due upon submittal of the plans, calculations and permit. The District shall not review the submittal until the fee is paid.

#### 13.3 LAKE EXCAVATION AND/OR PAVING AND DRAINAGE PERMIT FEES

- For projects up to and including the first 2 acres or fraction thereof, the fee shall be \$400.00.
- For projects greater than 2 acres but less than 50 acres, the fee shall be \$400.00 plus an additional \$100.00 per acre or fraction thereof for each acre in excess of the first 2 acres.
- For projects greater than 50 acres, the fee shall be \$5,300.00 plus an additional \$50.00 per acre for each acre or fraction thereof for each acre in excess of 50 acres.

#### 13.4 SUBDIVISION PLATS

The fees for subdivision plats shall be \$275.00.

#### 13.5 VARIANCES AND EASEMENT VACATIONS

The fee for variances and easement vacations shall be a flat fee of \$125.00. In the event there are legal or engineering expenses involved in reviewing the applicant's request, the applicant will be responsible for such costs.

#### 13.6 RELEASES OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/EASEMENTS/RESERVATIONS

The fees for processing requests for release of drainage/canal rights-of-way/easements/reservations originally dedicated to Everglades Drainage District, South Florida Water Management District, Trustees of the Internal Improvement Fund, Napoleon B. Broward Drainage District or any other governmental entity shall be \$125.00. In addition, the applicant will be responsible for payment of legal fees and costs incurred by the District for review of the request by the District's Attorney.

The foregoing fee will also apply to any request for vacation of any other interest of the District in and to property either owned by the District or in which the District has an interest. The property owner will also be required to pay for the cost of publishing notice of the proposed vacation and the preparation and coordination of the said notices.

#### 13.7 PERMITS FOR USE OF DISTRICT PROPERTY

The fee for irrigation/sprinkler system intake lines 2 inches in diameter or less, fences and other improvements on District rights-of-way/easements shall be \$75.00. This fee assumes that the District Director has determined that a hold harmless and indemnification agreement is not required for the intended use.

The fee for irrigation/sprinkler system intake lines that are greater than 2 inches in diameter shall be \$150.00. An indemnification/hold harmless agreement will be required for this use.

The fee for any other improvement or request which the District Director determines that a hold harmless/indemnification agreement may be required will be \$150.00.

A \$25.00 fee shall be added to all permit fees for any improvement that the District Director determines will require an SBDD permit placard. SBDD shall provide the permittee(s) with the SBDD permit placard which shall be posted on all permitted improvements at a location as directed by the District.

### 13.8 LEGAL FEES

All legal fees and costs incurred by the District in having the District's Attorney prepare documents required by the District as part of the permit and processing of documents shall be paid by the applicant. The applicant or property owner may be required to post in escrow an amount determined by the District which shall be applied toward payment of the expenses. If the escrow amount is insufficient to pay all fees incurred, the applicant or the property owner will be responsible for the difference.

The District will not provide plans review, inspection or any other services on any project or for any entity whose legal bills are more than 30 days old.

### 13.9 WORK WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL

No entity, including a developer, property owner, government agency or utility owner shall commence work without prior approval and/or issuance of a permit by the District. If work commences without a required permit, the work must cease immediately and not be restarted without approval by the District. If a permit is required, the responsible entity shall submit a permit application package to the District and shall pay a permit application fee of three (3) times the fees as calculated in the preceding sections or \$500.00, whichever is greater, unless the work being done is limited to one single-family lot and the following criteria are met:

- (1) The improvement meets all District criteria;
- (2) The homeowner has never before failed to secure a District permit for an improvement that required one;

- (3) The improvements existed prior to the purchase of the house; or if the owner constructed the improvement, all municipal permits were secured.

In addition, all legal fees, outside engineering fees and other expenses incurred by the District as a result of the work being performed without approval, including notification costs, shall be paid by the property owner. The cost of all court proceedings which may be necessary in the event a stop work order is issued and/or an injunction is requested by the Court shall also be paid by the property owner.

#### 13.10 RE-REVIEW OF PLANS

In the event that paving and drainage plans submitted to the District for review do not comply with the District's criteria, a re-review fee of \$100.00 minimum or the actual cost of the re-review if higher than \$100.00 shall be paid before issuance of a permit for the project. The \$100.00 minimum re-review fee shall be paid at the time plans are submitted for re-review; and the balance of actual costs incurred, if any, shall be paid before a permit is issued.

#### 13.11 RE-INSPECTION FEES

Field inspection and dive crew inspection time will be billed on an hourly basis in accordance with the employee's direct cost to the District including overtime, fringe benefits, payroll costs and other associated costs. Any fees must be paid to the District prior to certifying the project.

#### 13.12 RE-CERTIFICATION FEES

Field inspection(s) associated with the five (5) year renewal of the surface water management operation and maintenance permit will be billed on an hourly basis in accordance with the employees direct cost to the District.

#### 13.13 DIVE AND TV INSPECTIONS

The fee for a dive inspection to be performed by the District or its contractor shall be \$250 for each "run of pipe" inspected. A "run of pipe" is defined as: a pipe between two structures, a pipe between a structure and a water body or a pipe directly connecting two water bodies.

The fee for TV inspections performed by the District or its contractor shall be \$600 per one hundred feet of pipe or portion thereof.

#### 13.14 RECORDING FEES

The fee for recording documents related to paving and drainage projects, plats and commercial property shall be \$60 plus the recording costs charged by Broward County.

The fee for recording permits for the use of District property for residential improvements shall be the recording costs charged by Broward County.