



WATER SUPPLY CERTIFICATION FACT SHEET

Miami-Dade Water and Sewer Department (MDWASD)

WHAT IS A WATER SUPPLY CERTIFICATION LETTER USED FOR?

Policy CIE-5D in the Capital Improvement Element and Policy WS-2C in the Water and Sewer Element of the County's CDMP provides that MDWASD is responsible for monitoring the availability of water supplies for all water users of the MDWASD and for implementing a system that links water supplies to the permitting of new development to assure adequate water supply is available to all users of the MDWASD. This letter certifies that adequate water supply is available to serve the proposed development in accordance with the permitted withdrawal capacity in the County's Water Use Permit.

IS THE WATER SUPPLY CERTIFICATION LETTER NECESSARY FOR ALL PROJECTS?

All new construction, addition, renovation or changes in use resulting in an increase in water consumption need a Water Supply Certification letter. At the customer's request, a no net increase Water Supply Certification letter is issued for projects not resulting in an increase in water consumption.

HOW IS WATER CONSUMPTION CALCULATED?

The total gallons of water required for a specific development activity or proposed use is calculated according to the usage flows in Chapter 24, Section 24-43-1 of the Code of Miami-Dade County and as amended in the future. Effective October 1, 2010, new flows rates have been implemented.

WHEN IS THE WATER SUPPLY CERTIFICATION LETTER ISSUED?

The Certification Letter is issued at the time an Agreement, Verification Form or Ordinance Letter is offered or during the Plat process prior to the final Development Order.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO PROCESS THE WATER SUPPLY CERTIFICATION LETTER?

The Water Supply Certification letter is processed concurrent with the Agreement, Verification Form or Ordinance Letter as applicable.

HOW MUCH ARE THE WATER SUPPLY CERTIFICATION LETTER FEES?

The Water Supply Certification Fee is \$90. A \$30 Re-Certification Fee applies if the reservation expires as specified in the Water Supply Certification letter.

HOW LONG IS THE WATER SUPPLY CERTIFICATION LETTER VALID?

Water Supply Certification for developments that require an Agreement receive a reservation of water for a period of one year provided the developer complies with the terms and conditions of the Agreement. The reservation may be extended if a building permit application is filed or if the Agreement is active. Reservation for projects issued a Verification Form or Ordinance letter that do not require a building permit is valid for 90 days. If a building permit is required, the reservation is valid for one year, and the applicant must apply for a building permit within the year to maintain an active reservation. Water supply reservation for projects requiring a Plat is consistent with the concurrency time frame established in the Miami-Dade County Code. The water supply reservation remains active as long as the building permit is active.

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