

LAKE WORTH DRAINAGE DISTRICT OPERATING POLICIES

Chapter 1: Introduction

The information contained in this manual is provided to assist the public in its understanding of the requirements of Lake Worth Drainage District (LWDD). Since much of the information contained herein is highly technical in nature, it is suggested that a professional engineer and/or surveyor, or attorney licensed in the State of Florida be contacted for assistance when dealing with LWDD.

All projects within LWDD's boundaries, regardless of size or location, require review and permitting by LWDD.

All projects will be reviewed on a case by case basis with an understanding that the policies of LWDD may change and therefore the information contained herein may also change. Changes to the policies of LWDD will be made only by approval of the Board of Supervisors. The information contained herein sets forth solely the rules and regulations of LWDD and it is the applicant's/petitioner's responsibility to obtain all other governmental approvals that may be required for the applicant's/petitioner's project.

A petitioner/applicant always has the right to appear before the LWDD Board of Supervisors to present their request for approval of issues that meet the requirements of this Operating Policies manual.

LWDD does not permit right-of-way uses not listed in the fee schedule shown in this Operating Policies manual (e.g. parallel fences, structures, landscaping, bike paths). Applicants requesting an alternative use or a use of the right-of-way other than the uses established in this Operating Policies manual (variance) must submit an application, with applicable application fees, for staff review and consideration by the Board of Supervisors. Applicants must demonstrate a substantial hardship or a public purpose and must provide assurances that drainage works and maintenance functions will not be harmed. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, applicable permit and right-of-way usage (one-time and/or annual) fees will be applied and must be submitted prior to permit issuance. Application fees are non-refundable.

All plats located within LWDD's boundaries must be reviewed and approved by LWDD prior to recording.

The LWDD Board of Supervisors and LWDD staff reserve the right to deny any and all requests for permits or license agreements which may conflict with the operations of LWDD.

All waters discharged into LWDD's canal systems shall meet water quality standards in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and the Federal Government.

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The user of this manual assumes the responsibility of verifying that the manual reflects the current policies of LWDD.

LWDD disclaims any responsibility for reliance by the public on the information contained herein except solely as to how it relates to the requirements and approvals needed from LWDD.

Specific terms used in this manual are defined in the Glossary, which is located after the Index in this manual.