

POLICY FOR WATER SERVICE REQUESTS FOR THE LAFAYETTE PARISH
WATERWORKS DISTRICT SOUTH

Adopted: April 29, 2026

1. The LPWDS Board has authorized water meter service approval for one hundred fifty (150) meters and/or single family equivalent residential units.
2. Water meter service requests will be reviewed in sequential order, and assessed for approval based upon the timing of the request and availability of water system capacity as of the date of review of all requested information from the applicant.
3. Applications for a “will serve” letter will be reviewed in sequential order, and assessed for approval and/or a “will serve” letter based upon the timing of the request and availability of water system capacity as of the date of review of all requested information from the applicant.
4. In the case of an applicant seeking a “will serve” letter from Lafayette Parish Water District South (“LPWDS”) for a residential subdivision within the “capital improvement area”, the following procedure should be followed:
 - Applicant submits preliminary plat to Lafayette Consolidated Government.
 - LCG ADRC (Areawide Development Review Committee) sends preliminary plat to LPWDS for review and comments.
 - LPWDS submits comments to ADRC about water service, capacity, and fees.
 - After approval of preliminary plat by LCG, applicant submits water system plans to LPWDS for approval.
 - LPWDS reviews water system plans and provides comments about availability of water service and fees.
 - For approved plans, the capital improvement fees are immediately due and payable based upon the residential lots requested multiplied by the per lot capital improvement fee of \$5,471.27.
 - The capital improvement fee is an estimate, and may require an additional assessment upon completion of the capital improvements.
 - Once the water system plans are approved and the applicant pays the required fees, LPWDS will provide a “Will Serve” letter to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).
 - The “will serve” letter is not transferable to other applicants.
 - The “will serve” letter will identify the exact number of lots/meters that are approved for water service.
 - The “Will Serve” letter shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. If the project is under construction at the one year deadline, the applicant shall be granted an extension until the construction is completed. If water system construction has not started at the one year deadline, the “Will Serve” letter shall expire.
 - Once a permit has been granted by LDH, the applicant schedules a preconstruction meeting with LPWDS and the Contractor.
 - After completion of the water system construction, the applicant shall schedule a final inspection of the water system with LPWDS. Upon completion of the punch list and receipt of all construction certifications and documents, the LPWDS staff will recommend approval to the LPWDS Board.
 - After approval of the final plat by LCG, the applicant will donate the water system to LPWDS for operation and maintenance. LPWDS will accept applications for water meters after the donation is accepted by LPWDS.
 - The applicant shall warrant the water system improvements for a period of

- one (1) year following the acceptance by LPWDS.
5. In the case of an applicant seeking a water meter from Lafayette Parish Water District South (“LPWDS”) for a single family residence within the “capital improvement area”, the following procedure should be followed:
 - Applicant submits a fully completed Application for Water Meter Service
 - LPWDS reviews the fully completed Application for Water Meter Service and provides comments about availability of water meter service, capital improvement fees and water meter installation costs.
 - For approved water meter service, the capital improvement fees are immediately due and payable based upon the residential lots requested multiplied by the per lot capital improvement fee of \$5,471.27.
 - The capital improvement fee is an estimate, and may require an additional assessment upon completion of the capital improvements.
 - Water meter installation costs are assessed based upon the installation costs applicable at the time of approval of the Application for Water Meter Service.
 - Once the applicant pays the applicable capital improvement fee(s) and water meter installation costs, LPWDS will contact the applicant for the purposes of installing the water meter(s).
 - Installation of the water meter does not absolve the applicant of payment of any additional capital improvement fees owed upon completion of the capital improvements.
 6. In the case of an applicant seeking a water meter for a multi-family residence, or multiple water meters for single family residences on a single lot, from Lafayette Parish Water District South (“LPWDS”) within the “capital improvement area”, the following procedure should be followed:
 - Applicant submits a fully completed Application for Water Meter Service
 - LPWDS reviews the fully completed Application for Water Meter Service and provides comments about availability of water meter service, capital improvement fees and water meter installation costs.
 - For approved plans, the capital improvement fees are immediately due and payable based upon the number of single family equivalent residential units requested multiplied by the per unit capital improvement fee of \$5,471.27.
 - The capital improvement fee is an estimate, and may require an additional assessment upon completion of the capital improvements.
 - Water meter installation costs are assessed based upon the installation costs applicable at the time of approval of the Application for Water Meter Service.
 - Once the applicant pays the applicable capital improvement fee(s) and water meter installation costs, LPWDS will contact the applicant for the purposes of installing the water meter(s).
 - Installation of the water meter does not absolve the applicant of payment of any additional capital improvement fees owed upon completion of the capital improvements.
 7. In the case of an applicant seeking a “will serve” letter from Lafayette Parish Water District South (“LPWDS”) for commercial use, the following procedure should be followed:
 - Applicant submits preliminary plat to Lafayette Consolidated Government.
 - LCG ADRC (Areawide Development Review Committee) sends preliminary plat to LPWDS for review and comments.
 - LPWDS submits comments to ADRC about water service, capacity, and fees.
 - After approval of preliminary plat by LCG, applicant submits water system plans to

- LPWDS for approval.
- LPWDS reviews water system plans and provides comments about availability of water service and fees.
 - For approved plans, the capital improvement fees are immediately due and payable based upon the number of single family equivalent residential units requested multiplied by the per unit capital improvement fee of \$5,471.27.
 - The capital improvement fee is an estimate, and may require an additional assessment upon completion of the capital improvements.
 - Once the water system plans are approved and the applicant pays the required fees, LPWDS will provide a “Will Serve” letter to the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH).
 - The “will serve” letter is not transferable to other applicants.
 - The “will serve” letter will identify the exact number of single family equivalent residential units/meters that are approved for water service.
 - The “Will Serve” letter shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance. If the project is under construction at the one year deadline, the applicant shall be granted an extension until the construction is completed. If water system construction has not started at the one year deadline, the “Will Serve” letter shall expire.
 - Once a permit has been granted by LDH, the applicant schedules a preconstruction meeting with LPWDS and the Contractor.
 - After completion of the water system construction, the applicant shall schedule a final inspection of the water system with LPWDS. Upon completion of the punch list and receipt of all construction certifications and documents, the LPWDS staff will recommend approval to the LPWDS Board.
 - After approval of the final plat by LCG, the applicant will donate any water mains constructed as part of the project to LPWDS for operation and maintenance. LPWDS will accept applications for water meters after the donation is accepted by LPWDS.
 - The applicant shall warrant the water system improvements for a period of one (1) year following the acceptance by LPWDS.
8. The “capital improvement area” is defined for this Policy as the area bounded by the water district’s north, south, and east boundaries and by South Richfield on the West along with any land within the area between Riceland Road and South Richfield Road bounded on the north by Ridge Road and on the South by Golden Grain Road.
9. The term “single family equivalent residential unit” is defined for this Policy as the estimated water demand of a property relative to a standard single-family residence. One “single family equivalent residential unit” is assigned to a typical single-family home and serves as the baseline for comparison. Non-residential and higher-density uses are converted into “single family equivalent residential units” based on their projected water usage.
10. All requests for water service outside of the “capital improvement area” remain subject to the existing moratorium and will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis with no guarantee of water service now or in the future, pending further study of the water system by LPWDS engineers.