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BUILDING CODE DIVISION | BUILDING PERMITTING

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WATER METER PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS

Broward County Building Code Division does not hold permitting jurisdiction for water meter permits. **Broward Municipal Service District (BMSD-Unincorporated Broward County) does not issue water meter permits.**

Water meters are provided by the water purveyor (Utilities Department) of each specific municipality. The phone number for City of Fort Lauderdale water meter installation requests is (954) 828-8000.

New Single-family residences, under construction in the BMSD jurisdiction, must follow the following procedures to obtain a City of Fort Lauderdale water meter installation along with a BMSD construction permit.

1. Obtain the required Plumbing sub-permit which is required under the Master Building Permit for the BMSD project.
2. A copy of the BMSD plumbing permit must be submitted to the City of Fort Lauderdale's "Utilities Department", or "Public Works", not their Building Department.
3. A request for a water meter for the new residence needs to be submitted. In addition, a copy of the BMSD's plumbing sub-permit must be submitted.
4. City of Fort Lauderdale's fees must be paid for water usage.
5. City of Fort Lauderdale will schedule and install the water meter.

For existing water meters that need to be replaced:

1. Contact the City of Fort Lauderdale "Utilities Department" or "Public Works", not their Building Department.
2. Inform the City of Fort Lauderdale that there is an existing water service, and the request is only for replacing the meter. Please note that this does not pertain to any BMSD permits.

If an additional water meter to and existing property in BMSD (Unincorporated Broward County) for either a duplex or irrigation, the following is required:

Provide a complete current version of the Broward County Uniform Permit Application that clearly describes the complete scope of work to Broward County Building Code Division's Building Department located at 2307 West Broward Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33312

1. Two copies of the Property Survey (does not have to be updated or sealed). However, the following must be referenced:
 - a. location of the existing water meter must be shown,
 - b. the location and size of the existing water service line must be provided, and

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- c. show where capping of the other non-metered unit is happening, then show new line from the point of requested new meter up to the point of the unit's existing water line

*** If the water service line is on non-metallic type, then clearly depict on the plans, the point of transition from non-metallic piping to metallic. The plans must show how grounding will be accomplished. *Florida Building Code Plumbing Inspection Section 601.3*. Existing piping used for grounding. Existing metallic water service piping used for electrical grounding shall not be replaced with nonmetallic pipe or tubing until other approved means of grounding is provided.

For the existing irrigation system, the same principles above apply. If a new irrigation system is being installed, then a complete irrigation plans need to be provided.