

# LCWSC

## Line Extension Policy

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### Background

At present, LCWSC extends water lines funded by the following sources:

1. Grant
2. LCWSC
3. Customer

LCWSC has authorization, via general permit, to install lines designed in-house (LCWSC engineering) without a project specific construction permit from DHEC. The LCWSC may use our own crews or a qualified contractor for these lines. At present, these projects are usually prioritized first come, first served, although we do make exceptions for emergencies such as dry wells. Customer funded line extension are typically installed for the approximate cost of materials. LCWSC does not charge residential customers for labor or equipment at this time. **These projects are the focus of this policy.**

### Policy

1. The policy of Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission, at the discretion of the Executive Director, shall be to prioritize waterline extension projects based on potential benefit to the LCWSC system. In other words, a 5,000 LF line extension serving 20 homes (*i.e.*: 21 customers per mile) will be given priority over a 2,000 LF line extension serving 3 homes (*i.e.*: 8 customers per mile).
2. The policy of Laurens County Water & Sewer Commission, at the discretion of the Executive Director, shall be to create a reimbursement program for customer paid line extensions.
  - a. All materials cost will be paid up front by willing participants.
  - b. The new water lines will be assessed a temporary impact fee. The fee will be calculated as follows:
    - i. Materials cost / number of lots within project.
    - ii. The number of lots will be estimated based upon existing conditions.
  - c. The impact fee will remain in effect until either,
    - i. The original participants have been refunded for their original investment less their allocated share of the costs; or,
    - ii. Five years has passed since the in-service date of the new line.