



December 3, 2009

Mr. Jeff Bowman
Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea
Development Services Department
4501 Ocean Drive
Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, FL 33308-3601

SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE
Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Engineering Permit 2009-013
Project 10845: Galt Mile Small Water Main Improvements – Phase A

Dear Mr. Bowman:

The City of Fort Lauderdale will begin construction for the small water main improvement project on Monday, December 7, 2009, and finish construction in August 2010. City of Fort Lauderdale crews will start on Miramar Avenue. The project will replace existing water mains within the Town of Lauderdale-by-the-Sea to maintain the integrity of the water main system.

A copy of the notification letter that was distributed to the residents on November 2, 2009, is attached.

Should you have any questions during construction, please contact Paul Vitrano, Distribution & Collection Chief, City of Fort Lauderdale's Public Works Department at (954) 828-7827.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill Prizlee".

Jill Prizlee, P.E.
Project Engineer

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Enclosure:
Property Owners Notification Letter



Venice of America

CITY OF
FORT LAUDERDALE

November 2nd, 2009

Dear Water Customer:

The City of Fort Lauderdale will be replacing the water lines in your area beginning on or about December 1st, 2009

The following information has been prepared to help answer questions you may have. If you have additional questions, please call the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000.

We thank you for your patience and understanding while we work to improve your water service.

Q: When will this work start and how long will it take to complete?

A: Work will begin on or about December 1st, 2009 and it is expected to be complete by August 1st, 2010

Q: What is the purpose of this project?

A: The City of Fort Lauderdale has identified water mains that need to be replaced, which may be contributing to discolored water and low water pressure in the area. Once the new water mains are installed, you may notice increased water pressure and volume. You may also notice additional new fire hydrants have been installed in the area to increase fire protection.

Q: Which streets are involved in this construction?

A: A map of the area is attached. The shaded streets on the map designate the streets scheduled for construction.

Q: How much area will be under construction at one time?

A: The construction may take place in any portion of the public right-of-way, which includes the paved roadway and the area from the edge of pavement to your property line. In many cases there may be as many as 15 feet from the edge of pavement to your property line. This area may include a portion of the driveway, sidewalk, and lawn. Most of the construction will take place in the roadway.

Q: What will the City be doing?

A: Survey crews will paint marks on the street for the construction crews to follow. The service line crew will install new service lines from the proposed water main location to your water meter. A construction crew will install the new water main.

Once construction is complete, the City will test the new water mains, as required by regulatory agencies. During this time, you will notice fewer employees and less activity in the work area.

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Following the testing period, the service line crew will connect the new service line to your water meter, which may require the relocation of your water meter into the sidewalk or swale. When all construction is complete, the area will be restored to a condition that is as good or better than before.

Q: What if my water meter is located in the rear of my home?

A: Your water meter will be relocated from the rear of your property to the front of your property at no cost to you. Your water service will be interrupted for a short period of time while the meter is being relocated. The duration of the interruption is usually less than one hour.

Q: How do you determine where to install the water lines?

A: Many factors determine the location where the new water lines will be installed, some are visible and some are not. There are many buried utilities already in place, which must be avoided. In addition, a conscious effort is made to minimize the disruption to the area.

Q: Is there anything I need to do before construction begins?

A: Most of the construction will take place in the roadway; however, some construction activities may take place in the area adjacent to the roadway. If the construction is required in the area adjacent to the roadway you will need to relocate your items such as trees, fences, walls, brick pavers / decorative drives and other fixtures from the right-of-way to a safe location on your property until the construction is complete. You will only need to relocate these items if construction is designed to take place in the area adjacent to the roadway directly in front of your property.

Once construction is complete and crews have left the area, you may return properly permitted items to their original location.

Q: Is there anything I need to do after construction begins?

A: Please ensure the right-of way in front of your property remains clear of obstructions, automobiles, and other items including those listed above.

Q: Will my existing sprinklers in my swale be damaged?

A: Sprinklers in the swale area may be damaged during construction. If the sprinklers were installed in accordance with City permit guidelines, they will be repaired prior to the area being fully restored. The crew may disable the sprinkler line leading to your swale so you can continue to water your private property as allowed by City ordinance. Upon completing the project, the crew will restore this connection.

Q: How will I be affected?

A: You may notice dust, debris, some minor deviations in the normal traffic pattern, and short temporary interruptions to your water service. These inconveniences are part of the construction process required so the City may provide you with improved water service.

Q: Could my plumbing be affected by this work?

A: It is not likely, but it is possible. Some of the service lines from the meter to the house were built more than 20 years ago and are made of galvanized steel pipe. The normal aging process may have caused the metal to deteriorate. If your plumbing has deteriorated, the increased water pressure may cause it to leak or burst.

Q: How will I know the condition of my service line?

A: If you have had leaks in the past or if the house was built more than 20 years ago, you may contact a licensed plumber to determine the condition of your service line.

Q: What will happen if I elect not to replace the service line at this time?

A: If your service line is in good condition, then there is no need for replacement. If your service line is not in good condition, then there is a risk that the service line will leak or burst. A leaking service line may result in higher than expected water bills. A service line that burst may result in an interruption of your water service, as well as a higher than expected water bill.

Q: If I need a new service line, what should I do to replace it?

A: Whether you do the work yourself or hire a licensed plumber, you should call 954-828-5191 for permit information.

Q: What should I do to maintain my new sod and swale?

A: As part of the restoration process, the crews will replace the sod they remove with new sod. You must irrigate the new sod more often than the rest of your lawn otherwise the sod will die. Once the sod is installed it is your responsibility to maintain it. If you have any questions on how often you are allowed to irrigate please call 954-828-8000.

Q: What if I have other questions not answered here?

A: If you need any additional information or experience any problems during the construction period, please feel free to talk to one of the crewmembers working in your area. You may also call the 24-Hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000.

