

# Southwest 6-7 Utilities Extension Area Moves into Design Phase

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Dear Property Owner:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your property is located within the Southwest 6-7 Utilities Extension Area. Engineers are currently developing designs to extend drinking water, sewer, and irrigation services. These services will benefit customers by eliminating the need to depend on shallow wells and septic systems.

Once designs are completed, bids will be solicited from contractors, and the total project costs will be calculated. The new utilities services will be paid for through special assessments tied directly to each property receiving the improvement. Please see the attached map for the assessment area.

As with previous extension areas, City leaders plan to offer three payment options to property owners:

- 1) Prepayment; 2) Amortized Payment (pay over 20 years with interest on the ad valorem tax bill, and 3) Deferred Payment (defer payments until the end of the assessment term with a lien placed on the property).

The box below indicates the prepayment amounts charged in the City's most recent extension area, based on a typical 10,000 square foot building site. Actual Assessment costs for the Southwest 6-7 Project may differ.

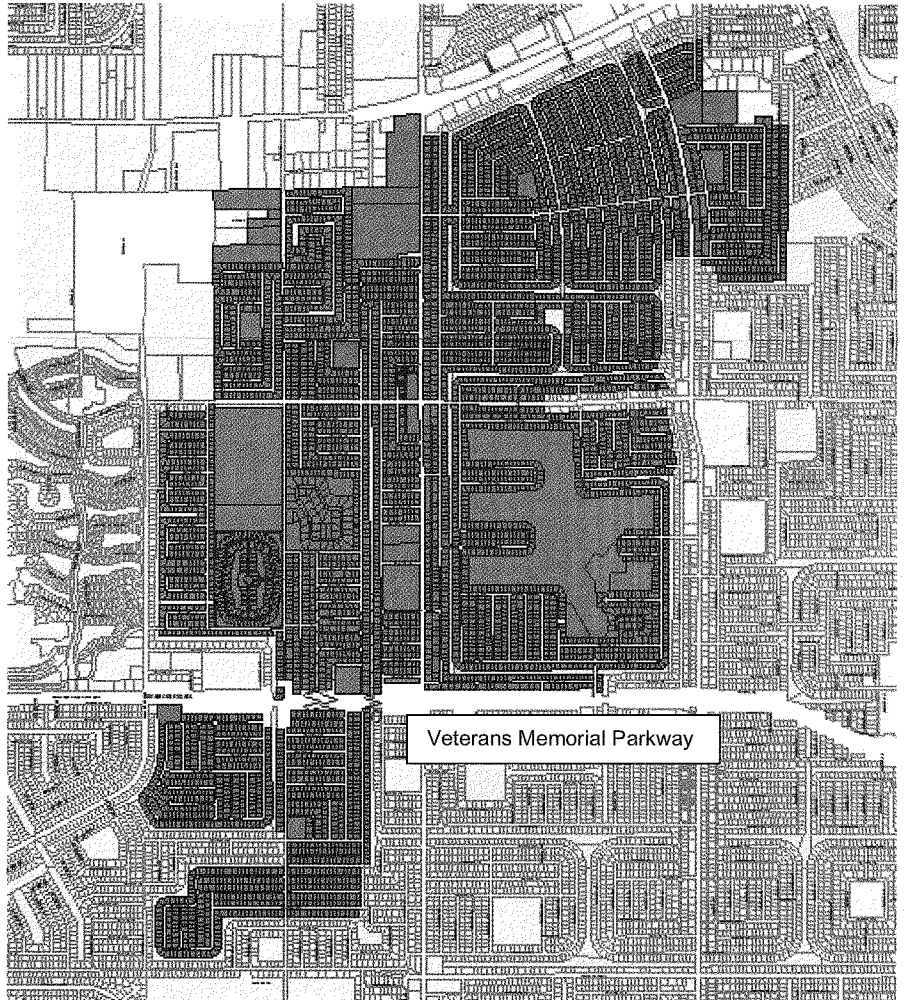
### Prepayment Amount Used in SW5:

Water \$ 3,655.00

Sewer \$ 7,372.00

Irrigation \$ 2,663.00

Please note that there will also be connection costs for property owners when water, sewer and/or irrigation services become available.



The City is committed to reducing costs wherever possible by competitively bidding the work among multiple experienced contractors, directly purchasing materials to take advantage of Cape Coral's tax-free status and conducting value engineering reviews to make the construction process more efficient and cost effective.

**This letter is purely an informational notice and requires no action from you.** Please consider this a first step of several to help you through the process.

The City will send additional notices, conduct informational meetings and advertise a public hearing prior to considering an authorization to begin construction. For more information about the utility extension, please call the Utility Extension Team at:

(239) 574-0730

Sincerely,

**City of Cape Coral**