

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

BULLETIN NO. 26

**Subject: DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER TO PUBLIC SEWERS  
FROM PRIVATE PROPERTY**

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APPROVED:



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Director

1. The Florida Building Code (FBC) Section 1101 (Storm Drainage, General) provides for alternate methods of rainwater disposal including direct and indirect disposal to Public Storm Sewers.
2. Pursuant to Section 1101 of the Florida Building Code and the City's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit FLS000002, the Department of Public Works has established the following Rules, Regulations and Requirements:
  - A. Direct and/or indirect flow of rainwater from private property to public storm sewers will not be approved by the Department of Public Works for any new development of private property.
  - B. Existing direct and/or indirect flow of rainwater from existing private structures or developments to public storm sewers shall be terminated and an approved on-site disposal system provided when the property has a demonstrable rational and substantial impact on the public right-of-way or the property is in current violation of the City's NPDES permit requirements.
3. On-site drainage systems shall be approved and inspected by the City of Miami Building Department, Plumbing Division; Miami-Dade Department of Environmental Resources Management (DERM) and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).
4. Abandonment or removal of existing private systems within the public right-of-way shall be approved and inspected by the Public Works Department.