

**Lake Crest Homeowners Association
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Dear Homeowners,

On August 12, 2016, the LCHOA board and ARC were approached by a lake side homeowner regarding accessing the lake for lawn irrigation. They also made us aware that other lake side homeowners were already using the lake for this purpose. Up to this point, neither the ARC or the LCHOA board were aware anyone used the lake for their own private irrigation.

This was concerning for three reasons: (1) this caused immediate concern of resident safety associated with pumps and other mechanical and electrical equipment submerged in the lake and the potential for increased liability by the LCHOA; (2) the potential impact to the health of the lake if several homes draw water without restriction during drought conditions; and (3) the lake is an amenity available for use by all Lake Crest residents and although everyone's annual assessments pay for the upkeep of the lake, private irrigation provides a benefit for a select few that is not available to the rest of Lake Crest's homeowners.

To address these concerns, the LCHOA board adopted a new rule concerning private irrigation from the lake. This rule can be found as rule # 16 on our website under Rules and Regulation.

This rule will establish a uniform process for all lake side homeowners who would like to install an irrigation system to draw water from the lake. Like any improvement, new applicants must seek ARC approval to ensure the irrigation meets the standards for irrigation and also is installed safely with concern for the health of the lake and the well-being of residents enjoying the lake. Future lake use by existing irrigation systems will be grandfathered in for approval and these homeowners may continue to draw water from the lake.

Going forward all homes that use the lake for irrigation, whether approved by the ARC or grandfathered in, will pay an annual fee of \$495/home. Charging this fee will be similar to the fees assessed to other homeowners in Lake Crest that receive additional services provided by the association.

Sincerely,

Lake Crest Homeowners' Association