

# SANTA FE COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2002 - 69

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## A RESOLUTION ADOPTING NEW WATER SERVICE RATES FOR THE SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY

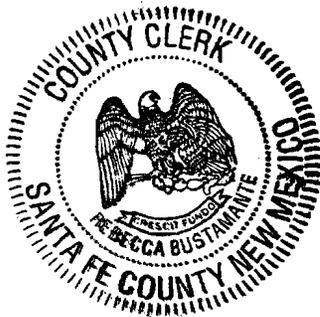
WHEREAS, Santa Fe County ("County") owns a water utility system ("Santa Fe County Water Utility") which provides water service to customers in certain areas within the County; and

WHEREAS, water is an essential but limited resource which must be wisely and efficiently utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Water Utility is an enterprise fund and shall take steps to meet its financial obligations with revenues collected pursuant to the rates it charges for water utility service; and

WHEREAS, water service rates charged for water utility service should be fair and just.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Santa Fe Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and adopts the attached water service rates for the Santa Fe County Water Utility.



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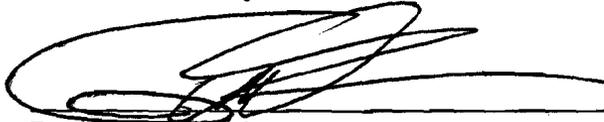
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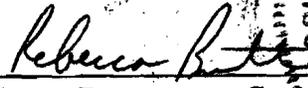
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APPROVED, ADOPTED AND PASSED, this 28 day of May 2002.

Santa Fe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Paul Duran, Chairman

  
Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk



Approved as to Form:

by   
Steven Kopelman, County Attorney



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SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULES

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**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 1  
Residential Water Service**

**APPLICABILITY:** The Residential rate is available only for domestic water use to individual residences, individual dwelling units, individual farm units, and individual apartments. All service shall be delivered through a single water service meter at a location to be determined by the Utility.

Service will be furnished in accordance with the Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, available at the County Utilities Department Office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk.

**SERVICE AREA:** Within the established limits of the County of Santa Fe, those areas to which service has been authorized by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

**RATE PER MONTH:** Billing for water service shall be the total of Sections A, B, C, D, E and F:

**A. Customer Service Charge:**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>System Charge</u>
5/8"	\$ 12.42
3/4"	\$ 13.43
1"	\$ 15.41
1-1 1/2"	\$ 33.40
2"	\$ 34.62
3"	\$ 52.32

**B. Commodity Charge:       **\$3.94 per thousand (1,000) gallons****

**C. Fire Protection Charge:** If the customer has a fire service line or lines for standby fire protection, the appropriate rate as provided in Rate Schedule 5, Fire Service Line, shall also be charged.

**D. Seasonal Service:** All seasonal service will be provided under the above rates upon execution of a service contract which provides for the customer paying to the Utility an amount equal to the cost of all additional facilities, if any, including the meter and service lines required to provide service and the customer's payment of the applicable minimum charge for a period of not less than six consecutive months and for each additional month that the service is connected.

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 1  
Residential Water Service**

**E. Special Tax and Assessment Clause:** Billings under this Rate Schedule may be increased by an amount equal to the sum of taxes payable under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act and of all other taxes, fees, or charges payable by the County and levied or assessed by any government authority on the public utility service rendered, or on the right or privilege of rendering the service, or any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.

**F. MINIMUM CHARGE:** The minimum charge under this Rate Schedule shall be the Customer Service Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:** All bills are net and payable within twenty (20) days from the date of bill. If payment for any service rendered is not made within thirty (30) days from the date the bill is rendered, the Utility shall apply an additional charge of 1 ½ percent per month to the total balance in arrears, excluding gross receipts tax. Partial payment of amount due by Customer is applied first to the oldest bill, including any other fees or charges assessed, if any, before any amount is applied to current bill.

**USE OF SERVICE:** Service shall not be resold or shared with others.

**OTHER CONDITIONS:** Other conditions pertaining to application of service, water taps, disconnection and reconnection of service, responsibility for payment of bills, and other conditions are provided for in the Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, available at the Santa Fe County Utilities Department Office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk.

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 2  
Non-Residential Water Service**

**APPLICABILITY:** The Non-residential Rate is available to commercial, governmental, industrial, institutional and all other non-residential types of service. All service shall be delivered through a single water service meter at a location to be designated by the Utility.

Service will be furnished in accordance with the Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, available at the County Utilities Department Office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk.

**SERVICE AREA:** Within the established limits of the County of Santa Fe, those areas to which service has been authorized by action of the Board of County Commissioners. (Refer to Exhibit C - Service Area Map)

**RATE PER MONTH :** Billing for water service shall be the total of Sections A, B, C, D, E and F:

**A. Customer Service Charge:**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>System Charge</u>
5/8"	\$ 26.28
3/4"	\$ 37.34
1"	\$ 59.46
1 1/2"	\$ 114.77
2"	\$ 181.13
3"	\$ 349.28
4"	\$ 414.96
6"	\$ 825.76
8"	\$1,318.73

**B. Commodity Charge:      \$3.94 per thousand (1,000) gallons**

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY**  
**RATE SCHEDULE 2**  
**Non-Residential Water Service**

**C. Fire Protection Charge:** If the customer has a fire service line or lines for standby fire protection, the appropriate rate as provided in Rate Schedule 5, Fire Service Line, shall also be charged.

**D. Seasonal Service:** All seasonal service will be provided under the above rates upon execution of a service contract which provides for the customer paying to the County an amount equal to the cost of all additional facilities, if any, including the meter and service lines required to provide service and the customer's payment of the applicable minimum charge for a period of not less than six consecutive months and for each additional month that the service is connected.

**E. Special Tax and Assessment Clause:** Billings under this Rate Schedule may be increased by an amount equal to the sum of taxes payable under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act and of all other taxes, fees, or charges payable by the County and levied or assessed by any government authority on the public utility service rendered, or on the right or privilege of rendering the service, or any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.

**F. MINIMUM CHARGE:** The minimum charge under this Rate Schedule shall be the Customer Service Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:** All bills are net and payable within twenty (10) days from the date of bill. If payment for any service rendered is not made within thirty (30) days from the date the bill is rendered, the Utility shall apply an additional charge of 1 ½ percent per month to the total balance in arrears, excluding gross receipts tax. Partial payment of amount due by Customer is applied first to the oldest bill, including any other fees or charges assessed, if any, before any amount is applied to current bill.

**USE OF SERVICE:** Service shall not be resold or shared with others.

**ADDITIONS AND EXTENSIONS:** All additions, extensions and new connections will be handled in accordance with the Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, available at the County Utilities Department Office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk.

**OTHER CONDITIONS:** Other conditions pertaining to application of service, water taps, disconnection and reconnection of service, responsibility for payment of bills, and other conditions are provided for in the Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, available at the County Utilities Department Office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk.

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**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER COMPANY**  
**RATE SCHEDULE 3**  
**Special Charges**

**APPLICABILITY:** Applicable to special services not defined within the Utility's water rates. Service will be furnished in accordance with the Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, available at the County Utilities Department Office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk.

**CHARGES FOR SPECIAL SERVICES:**

**A. Connection Charge:** A connection charge of \$15.00 will be charged on new service applications and change of service applications. The connection charge will be assessed on the first monthly billing to the customer.

**B. Reconnection Charge:** Whenever service is involuntarily discontinued in accordance with Santa Fe County Water Utility Department Policies and Procedures, SFCWU Policy No. 9, Discontinuance and Denying Restoration of Service, a charge of \$65.00 plus tax shall be made to the Utility to cover the cost of reconnecting service during normal business hours. If the customer requests reconnection of service after normal business hours then a charge of \$95.00 plus tax will be made to the Utility for this special service.

**C. Charge for Returned Check or Bank Draft:** The County may apply a charge of \$15.00 plus tax to the customer's account balance in the event the customer's check or bank draft is returned for insufficient funds.

**D. Customer Deposit:** A deposit, when required pursuant to Santa Fe County Water Utility Department Policies and Procedures, SFCWU Policy No. 6, Security Deposits, Guarantees of Payments, will be equivalent to one and one-half ("1 ½") times the customer's estimated maximum monthly bill.

SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 3  
Special Charges

**E. Charge for Meter Test:** Upon request by the customer, the County shall make a test of the customer's meter and shall advise the customer that the test can be conducted in their presence or in the presence of a person appointed by the customer. Pursuant to Santa Fe County Water Utility Department Policies and Procedures, SFCWU Policy No. 18, Metering, if the meter has been tested within the last twelve (12) months, the customer will be required to deposit \$45.00 for a 5/8" through 1-1 1/2" meter or \$190.00 for a 2" through 6" meter, to cover the cost of the test. This deposit shall be returned if the meter is found to register more than 2% fast. The requirement of a deposit may be waived if it is deemed appropriate to help settle a billing dispute.

**F. Estimates:** The Utility will provide one estimate to extend or modify County owned facilities as requested. A charge for all Utility expenses may be made for any and all additional estimates for service to the same location.

**SPECIAL TAX AND ASSESSMENT CLAUSE:** Billings under this Schedule may be increased by an amount equal to the sum of taxes payable under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act and of all other taxes, fees, or charges payable by the county and levied or assessed by any government authority on the public utility service rendered, or on the right or privilege of rendering the service, or any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY**  
**RATE SCHEDULE 4**  
**Private Fire Hydrant Service**

**APPLICABILITY:** This rate applies to owners of private fire hydrants used for only fire protection. This Rate Schedule is not applicable to resale, breakdown, or standby service.

**SERVICE AREA:** Within the established limits of the County of Santa Fe, those areas to which service has been authorized by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

**RATES:**

- A. For each private fire hydrant, \$75.00 per year payable annually.

**SPECIAL TAX AND ASSESSMENT CLAUSE:** Billings under this Schedule may be increased by an amount equal to the sum of taxes payable under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act and of all other taxes, fees, or charges payable by the County and levied or assessed by any government authority on the public utility service rendered, or on the right or privilege of rendering the service, or any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:** All bills are net and payable within twenty (10) days from the date of bill. If payment for any service rendered is not made within thirty (30) days from the date the bill is rendered, the Utility shall apply an additional charge of 1 ½ percent per month to the total balance in arrears, excluding gross receipts tax. Partial payment of amount due by Customer is applied first to the oldest bill, including any other fees or charges assessed, if any, before any amount is applied to current bill.

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 5  
Fire Service Line**

**APPLICABILITY:** This rate applies to those individual customers who have a fire service line. This Schedule is not applicable to resale or breakdown of service. Service will be furnished in accordance with the County's Water Service Operational Procedures, available at the County Utilities Department office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County clerk, which Operational Procedures or subsequent revisions thereof are a part of this schedule as if fully written herein.

**SERVICE AREA:** Within the established limits of the County of Santa Fe, those areas to which service has been authorized by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

**RATES:**

<b>A.</b>	<b><u>Service Line</u></b>	<b><u>Monthly Charge</u></b>
	3"	\$21.19
	4"	34.68
	6"	68.39
	8"	108.84
	10"	159.89

**SPECIAL TAX AND ASSESSMENT CLAUSE:** Billings under this Schedule may be increased by an amount equal to the sum of taxes payable under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act and of all other taxes, fees, or charges payable by the County and levied or assessed by an government authority on the public utility service rendered, or on the right or privilege of rendering the service, or any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:** All bills are net and payable within twenty (10) days from the date of bill. If payment for any service rendered is not made within thirty (30) days from the date the bill is rendered, the Utility shall apply an additional charge of 1 ½ percent per month to the total balance in arrears, excluding gross receipts tax. Partial payment of amount due by Customer is applied first to the oldest bill, including any other fees or charges assessed, if any, before any amount is applied to current bill.

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 6  
Water Conservation Surcharge**

**APPLICABILITY:** The Water Conservation Surcharge ("WCS") is applicable to Residential and Non-Residential customers. The WCS is effective with the first water bills rendered in May through the last water bills rendered in October. The "bill date" appearing on the water bill shall be considered the date the water bill is rendered. Twenty-eight (28) to thirty-two (32) days shall be considered a "regular billing period". For billing periods that are less than twenty-eight (28) days or exceed thirty-two (32) days, the point at which the first and second level surcharges are in effect shall be decreased or increased, respectively, by a prorated amount, assuming thirty (30) days as a "normal billing period".

**RESIDENTIAL SERVICE:**

- A. **First Level Surcharge.** For all metered usage above twelve thousand (12,000) gallons per regular billing period, the surcharge shall be two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) for every one thousand (1,000) gallons or portion thereof that is above twelve thousand (12,000) gallons. The first level surcharge shall terminate at a usage of twenty thousand (20,000) gallons per month.
- B. **Second Level Surcharge.** In addition to the surcharges levied by the First Level Surcharge, for all metered usage above twenty thousand (20,000) gallons per regular billing period, a surcharge of five dollars (\$5.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons for every one thousand (1,000) gallons or portion thereof used above twenty thousand (20,000) gallons shall be established.

**NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICE:**

- A. **Surcharge.** A surcharge of one dollar (\$1.00) per one thousand (1,000) gallons or portion thereof on all metered water use is established.

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 7  
Bulk Water Sales**

**APPLICABILITY:** The Bulk Water Sales rate is available only for domestic water use to residents of Santa Fe County that are not on a domestic well or a community water system. If a resident is on a domestic well can demonstrate that the well is not producing sufficient water for domestic needs or the community system has been declared an emergency by the State of New Mexico, this service and rate is applicable. The Bulk Water Sales rate is also available to Commercial Water Haulers that deliver bulk water to residents of Santa Fe County.

Service will be furnished in accordance with the Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, available at the County Utilities Department Office and on file at the office of the Santa Fe County Clerk.

**SERVICE AREA:** Within the established limits of the County of Santa Fe, those areas to which service has been authorized by action of the Board of County Commissioners.

**RATES:**

A.	<b>Residential Sales:</b>	<b>Monthly Service Charge</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
		<b>Commodity Charge</b>	<b>\$5.00 per Allotment*</b>
B.	<b>Commercial Sales:</b>	<b>Monthly Service Charge</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
		<b>Commodity Charge</b>	<b>\$15.00 per 1,000 gals.</b>

\* An Allotment is one bulk water purchase up to 500 gallons.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SERVICE:**

- A. Bulk water sales are limited to 5,000 gallons per month per customer. For purposes of this provision, each allotment is considered 500 gallons.
- B. Bulk water sales will be at a place and time designated by the Utility. The Utility will provide a schedule to the customer at the time the customer purchases this service.

**SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY  
RATE SCHEDULE 7  
Bulk Water Sales**

**SPECIAL TAX AND ASSESSMENT CLAUSE:** Billings under this Schedule may be increased by an amount equal to the sum of taxes payable under the Gross Receipts and Compensating Tax Act and of all other taxes, fees, or charges payable by the county and levied or assessed by any government authority on the public utility service rendered, or on the right or privilege of rendering the service, or any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.