SANTA FE COUNTY
Ordinance No. 2003-6

An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 1996-10, the Santa Fe County Land Development Code, Article III, Section 4.4.1 and Article III, Section 2.4.1 to require rainwater catchment systems for all commercial and residential development.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY THAT THE SANTA FE COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE III, SECTION 2.4.1 Construction of One to Four Dwellings

2.4.1a. The following submittals and review shall apply to an application for a development permit involving the construction, alteration or repair of one to four dwellings or the construction, alteration or repair of an accessory structure:

1. Submittals
   (a) The applicant shall fill out a development permit application on a form provided by the Code Administrator. The application shall be accompanied by the following:
   (vii) A water harvesting plan to capture drainage from a minimum of 85% of the roofed area for use as landscape irrigation shall be submitted.
   a. Homes of 2,500 sq. ft. of heated area or greater shall install a cistern that is buried, partially buried or within an insulated structure and is connected to a pump and a drip irrigation system to serve all landscaped areas. Cisterns shall be sized to hold 1.15 gallons per square foot of heated area but this figure may be adjusted based on proposed landscaping. The capacity of the cistern shall be approved by the Land Use Administrator.
   b. Homes smaller than 2,500 sq.ft. of heated area shall install rain barrels, cisterns or other water catchment basins to capture drainage from noted areas.
   c. The water harvesting plan shall be in accordance with general guidelines prepared by the Land Use Administrator.

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ARTICLE III, SECTION 4.4.1 Submittals

b. A development plan shall be submitted for individual uses to be permitted within the district, as follows:

6) A water harvesting plan to collect all roof drainage for use as landscape irrigation shall be submitted.
   a. Cisterns shall be buried, partially buried or within an insulated structure and shall be connected to a pump and a drip irrigation system to serve all landscaped areas. Cisterns shall be sized to hold 1.5 gallons per square foot of roofed area. The size of the cistern may be adjusted to provide a month’s worth of landscaping water. The size of the cistern shall be approved by the Land Use Administrator.
   b. The water harvesting plan shall be in accordance with the general guidelines prepared by the Land Use Administrator.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this ___ day of ___________, 2003, by the Santa Fe County Board of County Commissioners.

JACK SULLIVAN, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _________________________________
REBECCA BUSTAMANTE
SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

CERTIFICATE OF FILING

I, Rebecca Bustamante, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance, designated as Ordinance No. 2003 - __, was filed in my office on the ___ day of ____, 2003, in book Number ____ at Page _____.

SANTA FE COUNTY CLERK

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