1	CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO
2	ORDINANCE NO. 2008-7
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5	AN ORDINANCE
6	AMENDING SECTION 25-4.2 SFCC 1987 REGARDING WATER RATE
7	ADJUSTMENTS.
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9	BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:
10	Section 25-4.2 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. #1995-19, §1 as amended) is amended to
11	read:
12	25-4.2 Rates and Charges Adopted.
13	A. Rates and charges related to water service by the Santa Fe municipal water
14	system are hereby adopted by reference and incorporated as part of this chapter as Exhibit B.**
15	B. The water division director may approve an adjustment to the rate schedule set
16	forth in Exhibit B, located at the end of this Chapter, as follows:
17	(1) Only commercial customers with meters that are one inch or less may
18	apply.
19	(2) The customer shall submit an application by April 29, 2008, to the water
20	division demonstrating:
21	(a) That there are unique circumstances regarding the type of
22	business resulting in water delivered to the applicant from the City's water
23	distribution system being a substantial part of the finished product and/or service
24	offered by the applicant at the service address in question.
25	(b) That the customer's previous water use exceeded the established
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1	Tier 1 allotment for the applicant's meter size by at least 10 percent in each of the
2	preceding twelve months; and
3	(c) That the customer has made a reasonable attempt to minimize
4	water use and eliminate water waste.
5	(3) Upon receipt of an application staff shall:
6	(a) Review the application;
7	(b) Conduct an inspection of the customer's service address to
8	evaluate the extent of the customer's conservation efforts and to verify the efforts
9	claimed by the customer in the customer's application. Staff shall evaluate
10	customer's water conservation efforts based on the following criteria:
11	(i) The customer has installed certified low-flow fixtures,
12	appliances, equipment, and devices such that 80 percent of all fixtures,
13	appliances, equipment, and devices at the service address are low-flow,
14	consistent with Uniform Plumbing Code and industry standards.
15	(ii) Customer fixtures as well as primary service connection
16	at the meter are free of leaks.
17	(iii) Any irrigation equipment located at the service address
18	is equipped with rain-gauge cut offs, smart controllers, or other similar
19	technology to prevent irrigation when such irrigation is unnecessary due
20	to favorable weather conditions.
21	(iv) Water processing equipment or processes at the
22	customer's service address are free of leaks, including water lost to
23	evaporation.
24	(c) Review the customer's previous 12 month water use history and
25	costs to determine if usage has exceeded the Tier 1 allotment by 10 percent or

1	more for the entire previous 12 months.
2	(d) Compare the customer's water demand with the water division's
3	engineering criteria to determine if a larger size meter is appropriate.
4	(e) Present a written recommendation to the water division director
5	regarding the options set forth in paragraph (4) below.
6	(4) The water division director may decide one of the following options:
7	(a) A change in the actual meter is not warranted, but rather a rate
8	adjustment is appropriate establishing a commercial water rate eliminating the
9	high water use charge; or
10	(b) A change in the meter is warranted and the corresponding rate
11	change with all applicable fees shall be paid; or
12	(c) A change in the meter is warranted with all applicable fees paid
13	with a rate adjustment eliminating the high water use charge; or
14	(d) No rate adjustment is warranted because:
15	(i) The customer has not met the criteria provided for in
16	paragraph (3)(b) to minimize water use and eliminate water waste; or
17	(ii) The customer's usage does not exceed the established
18	Tier 1 allotment by 10 percent or more for each of the previous 12
19	months.
20	(e) No meter change is warranted because the customer's water
21	demand does not exceed the water division's engineering criteria.
22	(5) If a rate adjustment is approved, staff shall monitor the customer's water
23	use and water conservation efforts and if the water use is not consistent with the initial
24	application, recommend to the water division director revocation of the adjusted rate.
25	(6) Appeals of decisions of the water division director may be heard by the

public utilities committee as per Rule 22. Customer Complaint Procedures of Exhibit A located at the end of this Chapter. PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 30th day of January, 2008. DAVID COSS, MAYOR ATTEST: planda U. YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK APPROVED AS TO FORM: RANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY Jp/N drive/2008 ord/water rate adjustment