

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 ORDINANCE NO. 2013-27

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5 AN ORDINANCE

6 RELATING TO WATER CONSERVATION; AMENDING SECTION 25-4.2 SFCC 1987 TO
7 REMOVE THE EXPIRED COMMERCIAL WATER RATE ADJUSTMENT PROVISIONS;
8 AND CREATING A NEW SECTION 25-4.3 SFCC 1987 TO ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL
9 WATER USER REBATE REGULATIONS.

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11 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SANTA FE:

12 Section 1. Section 25-4.2 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. #1995-19, §1, as amended) is
13 amended to read:

14 **25-4.2 Rates and Charges Adopted.**

15 Rates and charges related to water service by the Santa Fe municipal water system are hereby
16 adopted by reference and incorporated as part of this chapter as Exhibit B. **

17 ****Editor's Note:** The exhibits referred to herein may be found at the end of this chapter.

18 **Section 2. A new Section 25-4.3 SFCC 1987 is ordained to read:**

19 **25-4.3 [NEW MATERIAL] Commercial Water User Rebate Regulations.**

20 A. *Purpose.* The purpose of this Section is to provide rebate incentives for commercial
21 water users to lower water consumption through the installation and use of high-efficiency water-
22 saving equipment or technology.

23 B. *Commercial Water User.* For purposes of this section, a commercial water user is a
24 city of Santa Fe water division customer with a commercial sector designation within the current
25 billing system that has installed high-efficiency water-saving equipment. Commercial water users

1 include schools and governmental entities.

2 C. *Applicability of Commercial Water User Rebate.*

3 (1) The city water conservation office shall apply the one-time rebate to an
4 applicant's bill after one year of water use monitoring and an evaluation of water savings. For
5 new commercial customers, the one year monitoring period will begin after the water saving
6 equipment or technology is installed, not at the time water service is established.

7 (2) The rebate shall be applicable to water saving hardware or systems and for
8 complex or untested measures which shall be verified by the city.

9 (3) An applicant shall coordinate with the water conservation office prior to the
10 installation of retrofits or high efficiency water saving equipment.

11 (4) The rebate amount shall be based on the amount of water the high efficiency
12 water saving equipment has saved.

13 D. *Application for Commercial Water User Rebate.* A new or existing commercial
14 water user may apply for a rebate, regardless of meter size. An applicant for a commercial water user
15 rebate shall provide the following information on the application:

16 (1) The address and account of the commercial water user to show that the
17 commercial water user is a city of Santa Fe water utility customer;

18 (2) The high-efficiency water-saving measures, including hardware or systems
19 that relate to the commercial water user's commercial water processes that minimize water
20 use and eliminate water waste;

21 (3) Data to show that at least 80% of water fixtures are water efficient and free
22 of leaks; and

23 (4) An estimate of the amount of water the commercial water user has saved as a
24 result of the high-efficiency water-saving measures.

25 E. *Application Evaluation.*

1 (1) An applicant for a commercial water user rebate shall:

2 (a) Participate in a pre-application meeting with the water conservation
3 office for a water use evaluation prior to installation of the equipment or technology.

4 (b) Participate in a post-installation inspection of the high efficiency
5 water saving equipment with the water conservation office.

6 (c) Provide original receipts for the purchase of the equipment that the
7 rebate is being applied for.

8 (2) The city water conservation office shall monitor water consumption of the
9 applicant over the course of the first year after the application has been submitted to
10 determine whether the overall water consumption per unit is has decreased. If after one year
11 an applicant's water consumption shows no indication of water savings then the rebate shall
12 not be applied to the account.

13 F. *Administrative Procedures.*

14 (1) The city shall establish administratively minimum standards of water-use
15 efficiency for qualifying rebates for commercial fixtures, appliances and landscape
16 efficiencies, which include, but are not limited to:

17 (a) Replacement of water-cooled equipment with new air-cooled
18 equipment

19 (b) Process water reclamation systems

20 (c) Elimination of water intensive phases of industrial processes

21 (d) Cooling Tower modifications

22 (e) Industrial laundry equipment upgrades or reuse

23 (f) Large scale irrigation improvements (when applying under this
24 category, monitoring of water savings will be two watering seasons).

25 (2) All rebates are given in the form a credit that is applied to the customer's

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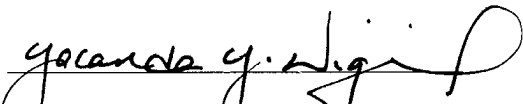
(3) The city shall also establish administratively the quantity of water conserved by each piece of high-efficiency water-saving equipment and the amount that the water bill will be rebated.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 26th day of June, 2013.

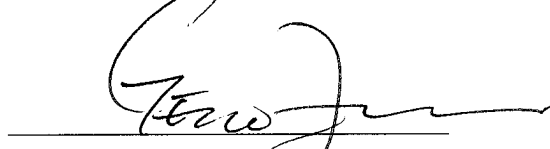


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