CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-18

INTRODUCED BY:

Mayor Alan Webber

Councilor Romero-Wirth

AN ORDINANCE

AMENDING CHAPTER 22, EXHIBIT A BY REMOVING LOCATION OF SERVICE AS A CRITERION FOR DETERMINING SEWER SERVICE CHARGES.

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

Section 1.   Chapter 22, Exhibit A, Subsections 1 and 2, SFCC 1987 (being Ordinance 1997-16) is included for reference without proposed changes:

1. Introduction.

The intent of this schedule is to consolidate in one document all information regarding sanitary sewer rates, fees and penalties. In addition, when applicable, formulas and procedures used to arrive at the different dollar figures have been shown in detail.

2. Noncompliance with Notice to Connect to Sewer (Section 22-3.5, SFCC 1987).

2.1. The amount expended by the city shall bear the interest rate of six percent per year from the completion of the work until paid.

1   Exhibit A has been organized to present the different rates, fees and penalties, along with

2   formulas and procedures used to arrive at them, in a more user-friendly fashion. The different

3   rates, fees and penalties are presented in the same order as they appear in the Code.

4   **Section 2.**   **Chapter 22, Exhibit A, Subsection 8 of SFCC 1987 (being Ordinance**

5   **2025-13 § 6) is amended to read as follows:**

6   **8. Sewer Service Charges.**

7   A.   Connected to City Sewer

8   Sewer Service Fees and Usage Fees for connections to city sewer are determined by

9   connection to city water and number of units* served by the sewer connection.

10   1. Connected to city water:

Effective Date	Monthly Service Fee	Monthly Usage Fee
January 1, 2019	$7.53/unit*	$4.64 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2025	$7.83/unit*	$4.83 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2026	$8.14/unit*	$5.02 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2027	$8.47/unit*	$5.22 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2028	$8.81/unit*	$5.43 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2029	$9.16/unit*	$5.65 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2030	$9.53/unit*	$5.88 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2031	$9.91/unit*	$6.12 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2032	$10.31/unit*	$6.36 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2033	$10.72/unit*	$6.61 per 1,000 gallons water**
July 1, 2034	$11.15/unit*	$6.87 per 1,000 gallons water**

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2. Not connected to city water:

Effective Date	Monthly Service Fee	Monthly Usage Fee
January 1, 2019	$7.53/unit*	$16.70/unit*
July 1, 2025	$7.83/unit*	$17.37/unit*
July 1, 2026	$8.14/unit*	$18.06/unit*
July 1, 2027	$8.47/unit*	$18.78/unit*
July 1, 2028	$8.81/unit*	$19.53/unit*
July 1, 2029	$9.16/unit*	$20.31/unit*
July 1, 2030	$9.53/unit*	$21.12/unit*
July 1, 2031	$9.91/unit*	$21.96/unit*
July 1, 2032	$10.31/unit*	$22.84/unit*
July 1, 2033	$10.72/unit*	$23.75/unit*
July 1, 2034	$11.15/unit*	$24.70/unit*

In the event that a proposed or existing commercial development does not have a water meter, or the wastewater division director, developer, or customer believes the water meter does not accurately reflect wastewater discharge, the developer or customer may submit, or the director may require the submission of, a study, prepared by a professional engineer, to determine whether installation of a wastewater discharge flow meter would more accurately measure wastewater by the development. Either the developer or customer shall pay for the installation of the wastewater discharge flow meter. Once the developer or customer dedicates the meter to the city, the city shall maintain the wastewater discharge flow meter.

B. Not Connected to City Sewer.

1. Accessible to city sewer system. (As defined in subsection 22-2.1 SFCC 1987.)

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Effective Date	Cost per unit*/lot
January 1, 2019	$7.53 per unit* or if no unit* $5.85 per lot
July 1, 2025	$7.83 per unit* or if no unit* $6.08 per lot
July 1, 2026	$8.14 per unit* or if no unit* $6.32 per lot
July 1, 2027	$8.47 per unit* or if no unit* $6.57 per lot
July 1, 2028	$8.81 per unit* or if no unit* $6.83 per lot
July 1, 2029	$9.16 per unit* or if no unit* $7.10 per lot
July 1, 2030	$9.53 per unit* or if no unit* $7.38 per lot
July 1, 2031	$9.91 per unit* or if no unit* $7.68 per lot
July 1, 2032	$10.31 per unit* or if no unit* $7.99 per lot
July 1, 2033	$10.72 per unit* or if no unit* $8.31 per lot
July 1, 2034	$11.15 per unit* or if no unit* $8.64 per lot

2.   Not accessible to city sewer system: No charge.

C.   Taxes.

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 city and levied or assessed by any governmental authority on the public utility service rendered, or on the right or privilege of rendering the service, or on any object or event incidental to the rendition of the service.

Notes:

*   For each of the customer types described below, "unit" means the following:

- *For residential customers*, i.e. customers that meet either the single-family or multi-family service classifications for water, as set forth in Chapter 25 SFCC 1987: one room, or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping

1   establishment for owner occupancy, or rental or lease and physically separated from any

2   other rooms or residential units that may be in the same structure and containing

3   independent plumbing facilities. A residential unit may include, but is not limited to, a

4   single-family house, an apartment unit, condominium unit, mobile home, or a guest

5   house.

6   • *For commercial customers*, i.e. customers that do not meet either the single-family or

7   multi-family service classifications for water as set forth in Chapter 25 SFCC 1987: an

8   area constituting a separate, independent enterprise establishment for owner occupancy,

9   or rental or lease and physically separated from any other commercial units that may be

10   in the same structure and containing independent plumbing facilities.

11   • *For both residential and commercial purposes,* the term unit does not include a motel or

12   hotel unit or similar transient lodging or rest homes, nursing homes or similar

13   institutional facilities.

14 **   Shown on the water meter readings averaged for the months of December, January, and

15 February of the preceding year. If any of those three (3) months were a zero reading, the water

16 consumption for that month will not be used in the average. For example, if one month has a zero

17 read then the two months consumption will be added and then divided by two. In the case where

18 three zero reads were recorded for December, January, and February, then the previous year

19 water usage will be used. In the event that the previous year also had three zero reads, then the

20 wastewater management division director will estimate the average based on water usage history

21 for that particular customer's residence or business. If any of those three months were a reading

22 less than 1,000 gallons, the water consumption for that month shall be assumed to be 1,000. For

23 example:

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December		5,000g water consumption
January	0g water consumption, so	0 gallons assumed
February	900g water consumption, so	1,000 gallons assumed
Total (for the 3 months)		6,000 gallons water consumption
Average (Divide by two since one zero read)		3,000 gallons

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2   PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2025.

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     Alan Webber (Sep 28, 2025 14:19:42 MDT)
5   ALAN WEBBER, MAYOR

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7   ATTEST:

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     ANDREA SALAZAR (Sep 29, 2025 09:23:47 MDT)
10   ANDRÉA SALAZAR, CITY CLERK

11   APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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13   Erin McSherry
     Erin McSherry (Sep 26, 2025 18:32:36 MDT)
14   ERIN K. McSHERRY, CITY ATTORNEY

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20   *Bill No. 2025-18*

21   *Legislation/2025/Ordinances /2025-18/Wastewater Utility Rate Updates to Include Connections Outside City Limits*

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