

SANTA FE COUNTY

Resolution No. 2011 –

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING SANTA FE COUNTY UTILITIES WATER SERVICE RATE AND FEE SCHEDULE

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

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

WHEREAS, Resolution 2003-149, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners established Policies and Procedures that govern the provisions of water service by the Santa Fe County Water Utility;

WHEREAS, Santa Fe County Water Utility Policy No. 12 requires rates and miscellaneous charges to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners;

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

WHEREAS, the Santa Fe County Water Utility requests the Santa Fe County Board of Commissioner adopt a new Water Service Rate and Fee Schedule in order to meet its financial obligations beginning July 1, 2011.

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners hereby adopts the Santa Fe County Utilities Service Rate and Fee Schedule attached hereto as Exhibit A to be effective July 1, 2011.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 31st day of MAY 2011.

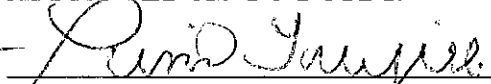
**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SANTA FE COUNTY**

Virginia Vigil, Chair

ATTEST:

Valerie Espinoza, Santa Fe County Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Stephen C. Ross, Santa Fe County Attorney



**SANTA FE COUNTY
WATER UTILITY**

**RATE SCHEDULE
Effective July 1, 2011**

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SANTA FE COUNTY WATER UTILITY

General Provisions

Applicability: Services 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: The rate schedule shall apply 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.

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.

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RATE SCHEDULE 1

Residential Water Service

Residential service shall apply where a single water meter serves only one dwelling unit for normal domestic water use or a single water meter which serves more than one dwelling unit for normal domestic water provided that their use is limited to the residents and their guests and are not open to the general public or to memberships for persons not residing there. Golf courses are not considered a use commonly associated with multiple dwelling units. The meter may also serve uses commonly associated with the dwelling unit such as home occupation, as permitted by the county, swimming pools, and spas and landscaping.

Dwelling Unit means one (1) room, or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, or rental or lease and physically separate from any other rooms or dwelling units that may be in the same structure and contain independent cooking and sleeping facilities. A dwelling unit may include, but is not limited to, a single family house, an apartment unit, condominium unit, mobile home or guest house. It does not include a motel or hotel unit of similar transient lodging or rest homes, nursing homes or similar institutional facilities.

Where a unit is used for both residential and non-residential purposes not associated with home occupations, the water service will be billed under the applicable non-residential rate schedule. When separate piping is installed to meter water service to each class of service, billing will be rendered in accordance with the applicable rate schedule.

Rate Per Month: Basic billing for water service shall be the total of Section A and B.

A. Monthly Customer Service Fee:

Meter Size	Fee
5/8"	\$14.50
3/4"	\$15.68
1"	\$17.99
1-1 1/2"	\$38.99
2"	\$40.42
3"	\$61.08

B. Water Usage Charge per Month:

Quantity	Fee
First 5,000 Gallons	\$6.12
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$8.43
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$13.02
Above 15,000 Gallons	\$17.62

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RATE SCHEDULE 2

Non-Residential Water Service

Non-Residential water service shall apply where the water meter(s) serves a use not classified as residential service.

Where a unit is used for both residential and non-residential purposes not associated with home occupations, the water service will be billed under the applicable non-residential rate schedule. When separate piping is installed to separate meter water service to each class of service, billing will be rendered in accordance with the applicable rate schedule.

Rate Per Month: Basic billing for water service shall be the total of Section A and B.

A. Monthly Customer Service Fee:

Meter Size	Fee
5/8"	\$30.68
3/4"	\$43.59
1"	\$69.42
1-1 1/2"	\$133.99
2"	\$211.46
3"	\$407.77
4"	\$484.45
6"	\$964.05
8"	\$1,539.58
10"	\$2,138.00

B. Water Usage Charge per Month:

Quantity	Fee
First 5,000 Gallons	\$5.91
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$8.16
Next 5,000 Gallons	\$12.65
Above 15,000 Gallons	\$17.07

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RATE SCHEDULE 3

Special Charges

Charges for Special Services:

- A. **Change of Owner Connection Fee:** A fee of \$15.00 will be assessed on applications for connection of water service due to change in resident or ownership.
- B. **Reconnection Fee:** Whenever service is involuntarily discontinued in accordance with Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service Policies and Procedures, SFCWU Policy No. 9 – Discontinuance and Denying Restoration of Service, a fee of \$90.00 plus tax shall be charged to the customer to cover the cost of reconnection service during normal business hours.
- C. **Insufficient Funds Penalty:** As determined by the County Treasure.
- D. **Customer Deposit:** A deposit, when required pursuant to Santa Fe County Water Utility Customer Service 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.
- E. **Meter Test Fee:** Upon request by the customer, the County shall perform 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 Customer Service 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" thorough 1 – 1 ½" 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 the billing dispute.
- F. **Special Tax and Assessment:** 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.
- G. **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.
- H. **Water Infrastructure Improvement Project Review Fee:** A review fee equivalent to 0.5% of the Engineer's opinion of cost assigned to the project shall be charged for the review of the project documents.

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- I. **Stand-by Charge:** The County water division shall apply a stand-by charge of \$3.55 per month to all individuals owning a legal lot of record which fronts a county water distribution line which is currently tapped or can be tapped for future water service connection, as listed on the adopted rate schedule.

- J. **Bulk Water Fee - Ojo de Agua:** Bulk water sales are available at the County's Automated Bulk Water Dispensing Facility Convenience Center. Fees are due at the time of purchase.
 - a. Residential rates shall be \$.01 per gallon.
 - b. Commercial rates shall be \$.02 per gallon.

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RATE SCHEDULE 4

Private Fire Hydrant and Fire Service Lines

This rate applies to owners of private fire hydrants used for only fire protection and individual customers who have a fire service line.

In order to assure proper operation of fire hydrants, no water shall be drawn through any fire hydrant for any other purpose than fire protection, except as provided by special permit from the County or in accordance with Rate Schedule 8 – Standby Service Fee

Rates:

- A. **Fee for each private fire hydrant:** \$200.00 per year payable annually.
- B. **Fee for Fire Service Line:**

Service Line	Fee
3"	\$21.19
4"	\$34.68
6"	\$68.39
8"	\$108.84
10"	\$159.89

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RATE SCHEDULE 5

Wholesale Water Sales

Associations established under the Sanitary Projects Act [3-29-1 NMSA 1978 et seq.] that have an agreement with the County for water services shall be charged the Domestic Association fee. The service will require the use of a compound meter; therefore the meter charge will be based on the rate of the smaller meter size. The size of the compound meter will be determined based on the Associations water needs.

Wholesale water service shall apply to public or private entity's who purchase water from Santa Fe County on a regular basis.

Rates:

- A. **Domestic Association:** \$3.22 per thousand (1,000) gallons
- B. **Wholesale 1 - Potable Water:** \$5.47 per thousand (1,000) gallons
Wholesale 2 – Non-Potable Water: \$4.01 per thousand (1,000) gallons

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RATE SCHEDULE 6

Meter Installation and Connection Fee

This rate schedule is applicable to customers requesting a new meter installation and new water service connection

Rates:

A. Meter Installation Fee:

Meter Size	Fee
5/8" - 3/4"	\$300.00
1"	\$389.00
1 1/2"	\$473.00

B. Water Service Connection Fee:

Water Service Connection Fee				
Meter Size	Residential	Non-Residential	Wholesale	Mutual Domestic/ Government/ Institutional Association
5/8" - 3/4"	\$2,750			
1" - 1 1/2"	\$3,385			
2" - 3"	\$6,835			
4"		\$18,602	\$18,602	\$16,742
6"		\$31,925	\$31,925	\$28,727
8"		\$92,377	\$92,377	\$83,135
10"		\$129,769	\$129,769	\$116,792

The cost for any meter larger than 1 1/2" will be the actual price of the meter, plus material and labor costs, including overhead costs.

Terms of Payment: This fee is payable at the time customer submits the request for a meter installation or new water service connection.