

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
MUNICIPALITY OF ESTANCIA
ORDINANCE AMENDMENT**

**ORDINANCE NO. 9-8-2
ORDINANCE AMENDING FEES, ASSESSMENTS AND CHARGES
RELATING TO WATER USAGE**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF ESTANCIA, NEW MEXICO:

Ordinance No. 9-8-2 is hereby amended to read:

9-8-2 **FEES, ASSESSMENTS, AND CHARGES RELATING TO WATER USAGE.** The following fees, assessments, and charges will be charged with respect to hook up and disconnection from the Town's water system, and charges for the use of water:

<u>Description of function for assessment</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Deposit for opening account:	
Residential owner	\$75.00
Residential renter	\$200.00
Commercial owner	\$100.00
Commercial renter	\$250.00
Multi-resid. owner	\$75.00/unit (whether occupied or not)

Water usage rates per month:

Residential

Effective bills sent on or after Aug. 1, 2011:

0-3,999 gallons:	\$11.00 flat fee
4,000-11,999 gallons:	an additional \$2.20 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000, up to 12,000
12,000 gallons or more:	an additional \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons over 12,000

Effective bills sent on or after Aug. 1, 2012:

0-3,999 gallons:	\$11.50 flat fee
4,000-11,999 gallons:	an additional \$2.25 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000, up to 12,000
12,000 gallons or more:	an additional \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons over 12,000

Effective bills sent on or after Aug 1, 2013:

0-3,999 gallons:	\$11.85 flat fee
4,000 – 11,999 gallons:	an additional \$2.32 per 1,000 gallons 4,000 up to 12,000
12,000 gallon or more:	an additional \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons over 12,000

Commercial

Effective bills sent on or after Aug. 1, 2011:

0-3,999 gallons:	\$15.00 flat fee
4,000-11,999 gallons:	An additional \$2.60 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000, up to 12,000
12,000-24,999 gallons:	An additional \$2.80 per 1,000 gallons over 12,000 up to 25,000
25,000-1,000,000 gallons:	An additional \$3.70 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 up to 1,000,000
Over 1,000,000 gallons:	An additional \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons over 1,000,000

Effective bills sent on or after Aug. 1, 2012:

0-3,999 gallons:	\$15.50 flat fee
4,000-11,999 gallons:	An additional \$2.65 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000, up to 12,000
12,000-24,999 gallons:	An additional \$2.85 per 1,000 gallons over 12,000, up to 25,000
25,000-1,000,000 gallons:	An additional \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 up to 1,000,000
Over 1,000,000 gallons:	An additional \$2.90 per 1,000 gallons over 1,000,000

Effective bills sent on or after Aug. 1, 2013:

0-3,999 gallons:	\$15.97 flat fee
4,000-11,999 gallons:	An additional \$2.73 per 1,000 gallons over 4,000, up to 12,000
12,000-24,999 gallons:	An additional \$2.94 per 1,000 gallons over 12,000, up to 25,000
25,000-1,000,000 gallons:	An additional \$3.86 per 1,000 gallons over 25,000 up to 1,000,000
Over 1,000,000 gallons:	An \$3.60 per 1,000 gallons over 1,000,000

Multi-Residential for which there are no individual meters

Effective on bills sent on or after Aug 1, 2011

\$11.00 minimum for each unit, whether or not occupied. This entitles the owner to a total of 4,000 gallons per unit times the number of units. (see example below) When the monthly use exceeds the minimum gallon allotment, the amount for each 1,000 gallons over that amount, shall be \$2.60.

Effective on bills sent on or after August 1, 2012.

\$11.50 minimum for each unit, whether or not occupied. This entitles the owner to a total of 4,000 gallons per unit times the number of units. (see example below) When the monthly use exceeds the minimum gallon allotment, the amount for each 1,000 gallons over that amount, shall be \$2.65

Effective on bills sent on or after August 1, 2013

\$11.85 minimum for each unit, whether or not occupied. This entitles the owner to a total of 4,000 gallons per unit times the number of units. (see example below) When the monthly use exceeds the minimum gallon allotment, the amount for each 1,000 gallons over that amount, shall be \$2.73

Bulk

\$7.00 for first 1000 gals., and \$0.05/per gal. over 1000 gals.

All Consumers:

In order to allow the utility to keep up with inflation without the need for annual rate studies, the Board of Trustees finds that it is necessary to institute an automatic rate adjustment. Effective for bills sent on or after August 1, 2014, and on bills sent on or after August 1 of each year thereafter, each of the foregoing rates shall automatically increase by 3% from the previous year, unless the Board of Trustees has, by the first meeting in June of the previous year, suspended or adjusted the amount of the automatic increase for the upcoming year.

Late fees

If water bill is not paid by the 20th of the month in which the bill is received, a late fee of 25% of the total bill will be assessed. An additional 25% will be assessed for each month that the bill remains unpaid.

Description of function for assessment

Amount

Fee for resuming water service

If the water service has been disconnected for a failure to pay, a turn-on fee of \$10.00 will be assessed

Restoration of meter

If the Town has removed the meter

due to failure to pay, a reinstallation fee of \$25.00 will be assessed in addition to the \$10.00 turn-on fee

Tapping charges for commencement of water service:

Residential

\$120.00 plus cost plus 10% for hardware necessary, plus \$45.00/hr for operation of backhoe, plus \$22.50/manhour – to be paid on an estimated basis, in advance (with any adjustments necessary, either by way of additional charges or refund, to be made when the project is completed.)

Commercial

\$200.00 plus cost plus 10% for hardware necessary, plus \$45.00/hr for operation of backhoe, plus \$22.50/manhour – to be paid on an estimated basis, in advance (with any adjustments necessary, either by way of additional charges or refund, to be made when the project is completed.)

Turn on/turn off at consumer's request for repair purposes

No charge

Example of monthly water use fees for multi-residential units where there are no individual meters:

Assume that John Doe owns a mobile home park with 12 units. It does not matter whether the units are occupied or vacant. On September 1, 2011, he will pay a minimum monthly water usage fee of \$132.00 (12 units times \$11.00 monthly minimum rate). That entitles the mobile home park to a monthly minimum of 48,000 gals. When the monthly usage exceeds that amount, Mr. Doe will pay an additional \$2.60 for every 1000 gallons over his minimum allotment. This amount will increase each year according the above rate structure.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY A MAJORITY OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2011. THIS ORDINANCE WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE FOR BILLS SENT ON OR AFTER AUGUST 1, 2011.

Theodore Barela, Mayor

Sylvia Chavez, Trustee

Josie Richards, Trustee

Michelle Dunlap, Trustee

Attested:

Julie Carter, Clerk/Administrator