

ORDINANCE NO. C _____

**AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING AN INCREASE TO THE RATES FOR
WASTEWATER SERVICE, REPEALING AND REPLACING TITLE 8 CHAPTER 6
SECTION 8 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GALLUP IN ITS
ENTIRETY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, that:

The rates, fees and other charges charged for wastewater service to residential, non-residential and all other customers of the City of Gallup shall be increased by an average of 25 percent. Section 8-6-8 of the Gallup Municipal Code shall be replaced in its entirety with the following new Section 8-6-8:

8-6-8: WASTEWATER CHARGES:

Wastewater charges are applicable to all improved premises within the city limits having sewer connections, and consist of a monthly service charge based on water meter size and a volume charge based on monthly water consumption (either gallons or cubic feet) as follows:

A. Wastewater Rates:

Residential wastewater service is available to residences located within the corporate limits of the City of Gallup having one water meter per residence of no more than two inches (2") in capacity.

Monthly rate service charge plus	\$6.38
Volume charge (based on current month's water service consumption up to 2,674 cubic feet per month) or	\$0.044916 per cu-ft
Volume charge (based on current month's water service up to 20,000 gallons per month usage) or	\$0.006004 per gal
Maximum volume charge (per month)	\$120.08

B. All Other Service:

Monthly Rate: Service charge based on water meter size:

5/8 inch meter	\$6.28
1 inch meter	\$11.44
1 1/2 inch meter	\$20.01
2 inch meter	\$26.66
3 inch meter	\$48.58
4 to 8 inch meters	\$80.00
Nonresidential/Commercial volume charge (based on current month's water service consumption)	\$0.049411 per cu-ft
Or Nonresidential/Commercial volume charge (based on current month's water service consumption)	\$0.006604 per gal.

C. Outside City Limits: For service outside the city limits, the wastewater rates shall be twice that for service inside the city limits.

D. Residential Sewer Connections that do not have City Water Service: The wastewater rate for residents that do not have city water service will be at the rate of two thousand (2,000) cubic feet per month, plus the applicable service charge.

E. Commercial Sewer Connections that do not have City Water Service: The wastewater rate for commercial accounts that do not have city water service will be based on the previous year's average water consumption by the City's commercial customers.

F. Reclaimed Wastewater Charges: Charges for the usage of reclaimed wastewater effluent are applicable to all users other than City of Gallup facilities and who do not have a separate agreement with the City for this use. The rate for all reclaimed water shall be \$0.025200 per cubic foot or \$3.37 per one thousand (1,000) gallons.

G. Septage Treatment Charge: The charge for receiving and treatment of septage from licensed haulers shall be \$74.11 per one thousand (1,000) gallons or \$0.554361 per cubic foot.

H. Residential Customers Not Receiving Water Service: The wastewater rate for residential customers that do not receive city water service, but which have an individually metered water source will be based on metered water use up to the maximum volume charge. The City reserves the right to verify the accuracy and

working condition of the water meter. If City cannot verify the integrity of this meter, then the maximum volume charge shall apply.

- I. Nonresidential/Commercial Customers Not Receiving Water Service: The wastewater rate for nonresidential/commercial customers that do not receive city water service, but which have an individually metered water source will be based on metered water use. The City reserves the right to verify the accuracy and working condition of the water meter. If City cannot verify the integrity of this meter, the account will be billed at the previous year's average water consumption by the City's commercial customers.
- J. Combined Uses Not Receiving Water Service: The wastewater rate for customers with combined residential and nonresidential/commercial uses and which do not receive city water service but which have a master metered water source shall be at the rate of two thousand (2,000) cubic feet per month per residence with all usage in excess of the residential allowance charged at the commercial rate.
- K. Multiple Users Not Receiving Water Service: The charge for multiple residential or nonresidential/commercial customers that do not receive city water service, but which have a master metered water source will be at the applicable residential or nonresidential rate.
- L. Effective Date of Rates: The rates, fees and other charges for wastewater service applicable to all customers of the City of Gallup not established by contract shall be effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2021.
- M. Wastewater Consumer Price Index Increase: The service and volume charges for wastewater service as set forth in this section shall be increased or decreased annually to reflect the changes in the consumer price index. The "consumer price index" shall mean the average for "all items" shown as the "United States city average for all urban consumers as promulgated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor" (CPI-U). On or about April 1, 2005, and every year thereafter the city manager or designee will notify the governing body of the proposed wastewater rates adjusted by the CPI-U. The proposed wastewater rates will automatically go into effect on the following July 1 unless by June 1 the governing body votes otherwise.
- N. Wastewater charges are determined by the size of the customer's water meter and amount of water consumption. When the City's water rates are adjusted by ordinance, the corresponding wastewater rate will be adjusted by a similar percentage and implemented with the same effective date as the water rate change.
- O. Wastewater Tap Fees shall be set at a rate of \$50 for all connections.

This ordinance shall become effective after its passage and publication by title and summary as provided for bylaw.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20____.

CITY OF GALLUP, NEW MEXICO

By: _____
Louis Bonaguidi, Mayor

ATTEST:

Alfred Abeita, City Clerk