

CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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AN ORDINANCE

**AMENDING SECTION 25-4.3 SFCC 1987 REGARDING THE COMMERCIAL WATER
USER REBATE PROGRAM TO EASE THE APPLICATION AND REBATE
ADMINISTRATION PROCESS, AND TO CLARIFY CERTAIN SECTIONS OF THE
CODE.**

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

**Section 1. Section 25-4.3 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. #2013-27 § 2) is amended to
read:**

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

B. *Commercial Water User.* For purposes of this subsection, a commercial water
user is a city of Santa Fe water division customer with a commercial sector designation within
the current billing system that has installed high-efficiency water-saving equipment.
Commercial water users include schools and governmental entities.

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

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

7 ([2]1) The rebate shall be applicable to water saving hardware, equipment,
8 fixtures, appliances, or systems ~~[and for complex or untested measures which shall be~~
9 ~~verified by the city].~~

10 ([3]2) An applicant shall coordinate with the city water conservation office
11 prior to the installation ~~[of] or~~ retrofits ~~[or] of~~ high-efficiency water-saving equipment.

12 ([4]3) The rebate amount shall be determined by the water conservation office
13 based on the amount of water the high-efficiency water-saving equipment will save ~~[has~~
14 ~~saved].~~

15 D. *Application for Commercial Water User Rebate.* ~~[A new or]~~ An existing
16 commercial water user may apply for a rebate, regardless of meter size. An applicant for a
17 commercial water user rebate shall ~~[provide the following information on the]~~ complete and
18 submit an application in the form and containing such information as the water conservation
19 office shall specify, and shall include the following in the application:

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

22 (2) ~~[The high-efficiency water saving measures, including hardware or~~
23 ~~systems that relate to the commercial water user's commercial water processes that~~
24 ~~minimize water use and eliminate water waste;~~

25 (3) ~~Data to show that at least eighty percent (80%) of water fixtures are~~

1 ~~water efficient and free of leaks]~~ If the commercial water user account that supplies water
2 to the applicant is in the name of the owner of the property on which the applicant's
3 business is located and if the property owner is not the applicant, the signed agreement
4 of the property owner that the property owner will pay to the applicant the full amount of
5 any rebate provided to the applicant under this rebate program within thirty (30) business
6 days of its appearance in the account of the property owner [; and

7 (4) ~~— An estimate of the amount of water the commercial water user has~~
8 ~~saved as a result of the high efficiency water saving measures].~~

9 E. ~~[Application Evaluation]~~ Required Applicant Agreements and Actions.

10 [(+)] An applicant for a commercial water user rebate shall:

11 ([a]1) Permit and participate in a water-use audit of the applicant's
12 premises to be conducted by or at the direction and under the auspices of the
13 water conservation office.

14 (2) Participate in a [pre-application] meeting with the water
15 conservation office to review the results of the water-use audit and examine
16 appropriate actions to take to qualify for the water user rebate. [for a water use
17 evaluation prior to installation of the]

18 (3) Agree on water-saving equipment or technology that the
19 applicant will install or retrofit.

20 ([b]3) Permit and participate in an [post-installation] inspection by
21 the water conservation office of the installed or retrofitted high-efficiency
22 water-saving equipment [with the water conservation office].

23 ([e]4) Provide original receipts for the [purchase] acquisition of the
24 equipment [that] specified by the rebate [is being applied for] agreement.

25 (5) Agree to provide, and provide to the water conservation office

1 upon its request, water-use data for the applicant's premises for a period of one
2 (1) year, commencing with the date of the approval by the office of the rebate
3 agreement.

4 ~~[(2) The city water conservation office shall monitor water consumption of~~
5 ~~the applicant over the course of the first year after the application has been submitted~~
6 ~~to determine whether the overall water consumption per unit has decreased. If after one~~
7 ~~(1) year an applicant's water consumption shows no indication of water savings then~~
8 ~~the rebate shall not be applied to the account.]~~

9 F. *Administrative Procedures.*

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

- 13 (a) Replacement of water-cooled equipment with new air-cooled
14 equipment;
15 (b) Process water reclamation systems;
16 (c) Elimination of water intensive phases of industrial processes;
17 (d) Cooling tower modifications;
18 (e) Industrial laundry equipment upgrades or reuse; or
19 (f) Large scale irrigation improvements (when applying under this
20 category, monitoring of water savings will be two (2) watering seasons).

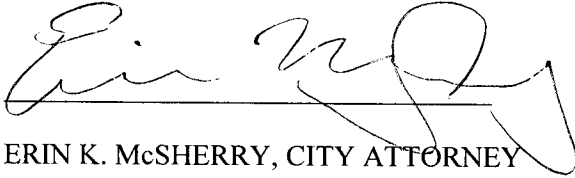
21 (2) All rebates are given in the form of a credit that is applied to the
22 customer's water bill.

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

1 G. *Award of rebate.*

2 [(1) ~~Prescriptive award: In the case of~~] As soon as the water conservation
3 office has confirmed the installation or retrofit by the applicant of high-efficiency water-
4 saving hardware, equipment, fixtures, appliances, or systems approved by the water
5 conservation office that have established efficiencies, it shall immediately apply the
6 applicable one-time rebate to the relevant water bill ~~[after confirming the installation or~~
7 ~~retrofit and use]~~.

8 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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