

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 BILL NO. 2010-35

3 INTRODUCED BY:

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10 AN ORDINANCE

11 AMENDING RULE 18, EXHIBIT A OF CHAPTER 25 SFCC 1987 REGARDING
12 WATER METERS FOR MULTI-FAMILY DWELLING UNITS (APARTMENTS AND
13 CONDOMINIUMS).

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

16 Section 1. [NEW MATERIAL.] Section 25-1.1 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. #1991-
17 4, §1) as amended is amended to include the following definition:

18 *Sub-meter* means a device owned by the property owner and installed for the purpose of
19 measuring the consumption of water for individual dwelling units as set forth in Rule 18 of
20 Exhibit A, Chapter 25 SFCC 1987.

21 Section 2. Rule 18, Exhibit A of Chapter 25 SFCC 1987 (being Ord. # 2006-53,
22 §36 as amended) is amended to read:

23 18. METERS

24 A. SEPARATE METERS REQUIRED – NEW APPLICATIONS FOR SERVICE.

25 Applications requesting service after March 11, 2005 shall comply with the following:

1 1. All dwelling units shall be separately metered except as set forth in this
2 paragraph. A dwelling unit is defined in subsection 25-1.1 SFCC 1987. Where
3 there are more than one dwelling units in a building (multi-family buildings such
4 as apartment and condominium complexes), each dwelling unit shall either be
5 separately metered or the building shall have a master meter and each dwelling
6 unit shall have a sub-meter. A sub-meter is defined in subsection 25-1.1 SFCC
7 1987. If the building has a master meter, home owner associations, condominium
8 boards, management companies, landlords and other such property owners shall
9 comply with master meter requirements established by resolution of the
10 governing body.

11 2. All new buildings shall be separately metered. All existing buildings, other than
12 dwelling units, requiring water service for each part of the building, if the part is
13 or may be occupied by a separate owner or tenant, may be separately metered.
14 Building is defined in subsection 25-1.1 SFCC 1987.

15 3. Separate meters shall be required for irrigation for commercial customers unless
16 the total landscaped area on the lot is less than 1000 square feet.

17 B. SEPARATE METERS REQUIRED – BUILDING PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

18 The following building applications submitted to the City after March 11, 2005 shall
19 comply with paragraph A above.

- 20 1. Additions or remodeling of existing structures that disturb greater than 1000
21 square feet of land area, or have a valuation over \$80,000.
- 22 2. A dwelling unit as defined in subsection 25-1.1 SFCC 1987.
- 23 3. New tenant improvements within an existing shell building.

24 C. OWNERSHIP OF METERS.

25 All meters used in connection with metered service shall be furnished, installed,

1 maintained, and owned by the City.

2 D. LOCATION OF METERS.

- 3 1. The City shall specify the meter location and point of delivery to any premises, at
4 the curb, property line or alley, and the City shall be contacted for exact
5 information locating the point of delivery before any piping of customer's system
6 has been started. If such information is not obtained by customer in writing,
7 expensive changes in piping installation may result for which the City shall not
8 be held liable in any way and will not assume any responsibility.
- 9 2. When a building or property includes more than one unit requiring separate
10 meters, all of the meters shall be groups adjacent to each other and shall be
11 individually numbered and identified according to the units served.
- 12 3. In order to provide service from the nearest water main installed in public right-
13 of-way, a customer's meter and the water line connecting the meter to a structure
14 will be relocated when a water main is installed in a public right-of-way which
15 abuts customer's property. This will only be required when the project is
16 undertaken to improve the customer's water service and to eliminate water mains
17 on private easements wherever possible.

18 E. UNAUTHORIZED SETTING OR MOVING OF METERS.

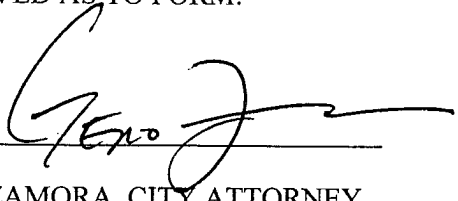
19 No person shall set or move a water meter without first obtaining written permission from
20 the water division and complying with any requirements of the City.

21 F. METER SIZE.

22 The size of the water meter shall be as determined by the city water division based upon
23 the nature of the customer classification and the proposed and/or potential use of the property.
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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GENO ZAMORA, CITY ATTORNEY