

1 CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

2 ORDINANCE NO. 2019-8

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5 AN ORDINANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

22 (1) The rebate shall be applicable to water saving hardware, equipment,
23 fixtures, appliances, or systems.

24 (2) An applicant shall coordinate with the city water conservation office
25 prior to the installation or retrofits of high-efficiency water-saving equipment.

1 (3) The rebate amount shall be determined by the water conservation
2 office.

3 D. *Application for Commercial Water User Rebate.* An existing commercial water
4 user may apply for a rebate, regardless of meter size. An applicant for a commercial water user
5 rebate shall complete and submit an application in the form and containing such information as
6 the water conservation office shall specify, and shall include the following in the application:

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

9 (2) If the commercial water user account that supplies water to the applicant
10 is in the name of the owner of the property on which the applicant's business is located
11 and if the property owner is not the applicant, the signed agreement of the property owner
12 that the property owner will pay to the applicant the full amount of any rebate provided
13 to the applicant under this rebate program within thirty (30) business days of its
14 appearance in the account of the property owner.

15 E. *Required Applicant Agreements and Actions.*

16 An applicant for a commercial water user rebate shall:

17 (1) Permit and participate in a water-use audit of the applicant's premises
18 to be conducted by or at the direction and under the auspices of the water conservation
19 office.

20 (2) Participate in a meeting with the water conservation office to review
21 the results of the water-use audit and examine appropriate actions to take to qualify for
22 the water user rebate.

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

25 (4) Permit and participate in an inspection by the water conservation office

1 of the installed or retrofitted high-efficiency water-saving equipment.

2 (5) Provide original receipts for the acquisition of the equipment specified
3 by the rebate agreement.

4 (6) Agree to provide, and provide to the water conservation office upon its
5 request, water-use data for the applicant's premises for a period of one (1) year,
6 commencing with the date of the approval by the office of the rebate agreement.

7 F. *Administrative Procedures.*

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

11 (a) Replacement of water-cooled equipment with new air-cooled
12 equipment;

13 (b) Process water reclamation systems;

14 (c) Elimination of water intensive phases of industrial processes;

15 (d) Cooling tower modifications;

16 (e) Industrial laundry equipment upgrades or reuse; or

17 (f) Large scale irrigation improvements (when applying under this
18 category, monitoring of water savings will be two (2) watering seasons).

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

21 (3) The city shall also establish administratively the quantity of water
22 conserved by the high-efficiency water-saving equipment and the amount that the water
23 bill will be rebated.

24 G. *Award of rebate.*

25 As soon as the water conservation office has confirmed the installation or retrofit

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by the applicant of high-efficiency water-saving hardware, equipment, fixtures, appliances,
or systems approved by the water conservation office that have established efficiencies, it
shall immediately apply the applicable one-time rebate to the relevant water bill.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 29th day of May, 2019

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