

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER AND SEWER USE FROM THE MUNICIPAL SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF RATON: AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1018 AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1018 establishing water rates for the municipal water system of The City of Raton was adopted on May 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1018 establishing sewer rates for the sewer system of the City of Raton was adopted on May 10, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the current cost of providing a quality, reliable water/wastewater service has increased substantially each year; and

WHEREAS, regulatory requirements for water/wastewater treatment have changed significantly in the last ten years and continue to increase production expense; and

WHEREAS, New Mexico is an arid region subject to long periods of drought making water conservation a necessity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF RATON, NEW MEXICO:

Chapter 53 of the City of Raton Code of Ordinances, Section 53.036, WATER RATES are amended to read as follows:

(A) (1) Municipal residential.

- (a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$14.75 per month (no min. gal); and
Second Year - \$15.00 per month (no min.gal); and
Third Year - \$15.25 per month (no min. gal.); and
Fourth Year - \$15.50 per month (no min. gal.); and

(b) Water Charge Under 25,000 gallons per month:

- First Year - \$2.933 per thousand gallons;
- Second Year - \$3.050 per thousand gallons;
- Third Year - \$3.172 per thousand gallons;
- Fourth Year - \$3.299 per thousand gallons;

(c) Water Charge 25,000 thousand or more gallons per month:

- First Year - \$3.420 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
- Second Year - \$3.557 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
- Third Year - \$3.699 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
- Fourth Year - \$3.847 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;

(2) Rural residential and agriculture.

- (a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$15.55 per month (no min. gal); and

Second Year - \$15.80 per month (no min gal.); and
Third Year - \$16.05 per month (no min gal.); and
Fourth Year - \$16.30 per month (no min gal.); and

(b) Water Charge Under 25,000 gallons per month:

First Year - \$5.417 per thousand gallons;
Second Year - \$5.634 per thousand gallons;
Third Year - \$5.859 per thousand gallons;
Fourth Year - \$6.093 per thousand gallons;

(c) Water Charge 25,000 thousand or more gallons per month:

First Year - \$5.903 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
Second Year - \$6.139 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
Third Year - \$6.385 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;
Fourth Year - \$6.640 per thousand gallons 25,000 thousand or more;

(3) Urban commercials.

(a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$16.85 per month (no min. gal.); and
Second Year - \$17.10 per month (no min. gal.); and
Third Year - \$17.35 per month (no min. gal.); and
Fourth Year - \$17.60 per month (no min. gal.); and

(b) Water Charge.

First Year - \$3.997 per thousand gallons;
Second Year - \$4.157 per thousand gallons;
Third Year - \$4.323 per thousand gallons;
Fourth Year - \$4.496 per thousand gallons;

(4) Urban Commercial – Multifamily Dwelling/Unit/Space (including but not limited to apartments, mobile home parks and private subdivisions)

(a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$16.85 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$9.75 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Second Year – per meter \$17.10 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$10.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Third Year – per meter \$17.35 per month (no min gal), plus a fixed charge of \$10.25 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Fourth Year – per meter \$17.60 per month (no min gal), plus a fixed charge of \$10.50 for each dwelling/unit space, and

(b) Water Charge.

First Year - \$3.997 per thousand gallons;
Second Year - \$4.157 per thousand gallons;
Third Year - \$4.323 per thousand gallons;
Fourth Year - \$4.496 per thousand gallons;

(5) Rural Commercial

- (a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$16.85 per month (no min. gal), and
Second Year - \$17.10 per month (no min. gal), and
Third Year - \$17.35 per month (no min gal), and
Fourth Year - \$17.60 per month (no min gal), and

- (b) Water Charge.

- First Year - \$5.888 per thousand gallons;
 - Second Year - \$6.124 per thousand gallons;
 - Third Year - \$6.369 per thousand gallons;
 - Fourth Year - \$6.624 per thousand gallons;

(6) Rural Commercial – Multifamily Dwelling

- (a) Fixed Charge per meter - \$16.85 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$9.75 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Second Year - \$17.10 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$10.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Third Year - \$17.35 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$10.25 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Fourth Year - \$17.60 per month (no min. gal), plus a fixed charge of \$10.50 for each dwelling/unit space, and

- (b) Water Charge.

- First Year - \$5.888 per thousand gallons;
 - Second Year - \$6.124 per thousand gallons;
 - Third Year - \$6.369 per thousand gallons;
 - Fourth Year - \$6.624 per thousand gallons;

Chapter 53 of the City of Raton Code of Ordinances, Section 53.086, BASIC SEWER RATES is amended to read as follows:

(A) (1) Residential (based upon average of customer's water bill for December, January and February).

- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$12.75; and
Second Year - \$13.00; and
Third Year - \$13.25; and
Fourth Year - \$13.50; and
- (b) First Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.892
Second Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.066
Third Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.250
Fourth Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.445

(2) Urban commercial.

- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$14.75; and
Second Year - \$15.00; and
Third Year - \$15.25; and
Fourth Year - \$15.50; and

- (b) First year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.892
Second Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.066
Third Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.250
Fourth Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$3.445

(3) Rural commercial.

- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$19.75; and
Second Year - \$20.00; and
Third Year - \$20.25; and
Fourth Year - \$20.50; and
- (b) First year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$5.172
Second Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$5.482
Third Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$5.811
Fourth Year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$6.160

(4) Urban commercial – multi-dwelling

- (a) Fixed charge per service - \$14.75, plus a fixed charge of \$14.75 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Second year - \$15.00, plus a fixed charge of \$15.00 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Third year - \$15.25, plus a fixed charge of \$15.25 for each dwelling/unit space, and
Fourth year - \$15.50, plus a fixed charge of \$15.50 for each dwelling/unit space, and
- (b) First year – One thousand gallons billed water - \$2.892
Second year – One Thousand gallons billed water - \$3.066
Third year – One Thousand gallons billed water - \$3.250
Fourth year – One Thousand gallons billed water - \$3.445

This Ordinance is to be reflected in water/sewer rates billed for readings obtained on August 1, 2026, for the first year and subsequently for readings obtained on July 1st for the second, third and fourth years.

PASSED, ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

CITY OF RATON

Lori Chatterley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Desire'e Trujillo, City Clerk