

**CITY OF SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO  
ORDINANCE NO. 24-10-15**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RATE SCHEDULE FOR SOLID WASTE REFUSE  
COLLECTION, WATER, SEWER, GAS, GAS METER AND EXTRA CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, the Socorro City Council previously passed and adopted Ordinance No. CSW-97-08, (the “Residential Solid Waste Refuse Ordinance”) which provided for the collection and disposal of residential solid waste, prescribed regulations for the sanitary conditions and imposition of fees and adoption of a rate schedule for Solid Waste Refuse Collection, and repealing all previous ordinances in conflict therewith; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Socorro City Council passed and adopted Ordinance No. 18-12-17, (the “Utility Fee Schedule Ordinance”) which provided for the imposition of a rate schedule and collection of fees relating to City water, sewer, gas, gas meter and other utility related charges, and repealing all previous ordinances in conflict therewith, and,

**WHEREAS**, due to rising costs of labor, fuel, utilities and materials, the City of Socorro has deemed it necessary to amend all utility rates and adopt a rate schedule, and therefore desires to amend the above referenced Ordinances for the sole purpose of adopting the following revised rate structure schedule.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Socorro City Council hereby amends both the Residential Solid Waste Refuse Ordinance and Utility Fee Schedule Ordinance by adopting a revised rate structure schedule as attached hereto as Schedule “A” and adopted herein as if restated in full.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that except as amended above, all other terms and conditions contained in both the Residential Solid Waste Refuse Ordinance and Utility Fee Schedule Ordinance are hereby ratified and confirmed.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that the Socorro City Council reserves the right to annually evaluate the financial implications of the revised rate structure and to take any action it deems reasonable and prudent, including but not limited to revising and/or rescinding all or parts of the revised rate structure.

**PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 15th DAY of October 2024.**

  
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**Ravi Bhasker, Mayor**

**Attest:**

  
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**Leopoldo (Polo) Pineda, Jr., City Clerk**

**RATE STRUCTURE INCREASE**

**Water**

Year	Increase	Water Rate \$.02 x 5 yrs	Increase Base Charge
		\$ 0.2848	
2024	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3048	\$ 1.00
2025	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3248	\$ 1.00
2026	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3448	\$ 1.00
2027	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3648	\$ 1.00
2028	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3848	\$ 1.00

**Sewer**

Year	Increase	Sewer Rate \$.10 x 5 yrs	Increase Base Charge
		\$ 0.2640	
2024	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.2840	\$ 2.00
2025	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3040	\$ 2.00
2026	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3240	\$ 2.00
2027	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3440	\$ 2.00
2028	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.3640	

**Gas**

Year	Increase	Gas Rate \$.10 x 5 yrs
		\$ 0.3952
2024	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.4452
2025	\$ 0.02	\$ 0.4652
2026	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.4752
2027	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.4852
2028	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.4952

**Gas Meter Size**

Meter Size	Commerical Current Base Charge	Increase Base Charge
1" >	56.25	130.00
3/4"	15.00	27.27

Commerical Meter increase depending on size of meter

**Trash**

Year	Increase Base Charge	Trash \$1 x 5 yrs
		\$ 23.75
2024	\$ 1.00	\$ 24.75
2025	\$ 1.00	\$ 25.75
2026	\$ 1.00	\$ 26.75
2027	\$ 1.00	\$ 27.75
2028	\$ 1.00	\$ 28.75

**MISC CHARGES INCREASES**

Water connection	Varies	Parts/Material Cost
Gas conversion	\$ 250.00	
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Water Activation Fee	\$ 25.00	
Gas Relocation Fee	\$ 100.00	
Gas Activation Fee	\$ 50.00	
Damaged Meter/Tamper	Damage fee depends on damages and includes Meter Can, Meter Setter, etc.	
Hydrant meter deposit	\$ 1,500.00	
Hydrant meter base charge	\$ 400.00	
Late fee hydrant meter Reading	\$ 150.00	
Extra blue bin(s)	\$ 10.00	extra per bin
Return Check	\$ 25.00	
Landlord Agreements	\$ 25.00	
After hours call	\$ 30.00	
Surcharge	\$ 2.50	per billing