

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

General Information:

(Check) Bill: x Resolution:

Short Title(s): Wastewater Utility Rate Updates to Include Connections Outside City Limits

Sponsor(s): Mayor Alan Webber and Councilor Carol Romero-Wirth

Reviewing Department(s): Public Utilities

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Reviewed by Finance Director: *Emily K. Oster* Date: 08/06/2025

Summary:

The proposed bill would amend SFCC 1987, Chapter 22, Exhibit A, Subsection 8, by removing reference to use location with respect to Santa Fe’s city limits as a factor in sewer rates. Approximately five percent (5%) of City of Santa Fe’s (“City”) Public Utilities Department wastewater accounts are associated with locations outside of Santa Fe’s city limits. Ordinance No. 2025-13, which was adopted on June 11, 2025, contains the following two categories of water users:

- 1. users inside Santa Fe’s city limits and presumptive city limits and who are connected to City sewer; and
- 2. users inside Santa Fe’s city limits and presumptive city limits and who are *not* connected to City sewer.

The ordinance inadvertently excluded language for users located outside of the city’s limits. This bill removes the reference to the city limits, simplifying the categories for determining sewer rates to users connected to City water and those who are not. Specifically, the categories are proposed as follows:

- 1. City sewer users who are connected to the City’s water, and
- 2. City sewer users who are not connected to the City’s water.

Departments Affected:

Public Utilities Department

Consequences of Not Enacting Legislation:

If this legislation is not adopted, Santa Fe City Code will be silent on charges for connections to city sewer outside of city limits.

Conflict, Duplication, Companionship, or Relationship to Other Legislation:

None at this time.

Performance and Administrative Implications:

This clarification will lessen the administrative burden associated with a hole in code around sewer connections outside of city limits that was inadvertently created with the recent wastewater rate increase.

Fiscal Implications:

This amendment will result in revenue increases associated with increased wastewater rates from connections outside city limits, but those increases were assumed when the previous bill was passed, so there are no new fiscal implications.

Fiscal Impact

Check here if no fiscal impact

Expenditures

Expenditure Type	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	FYE 2028	Require BAR (Y/N)	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund	3-Year Total Cost
<u>Personnel and Benefits*</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____	_____	
<u>Contractual/</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	
<u>Professional Services</u>							
<u>Operating</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		_____	_____	\$ _____
<u>Total:</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____				\$ _____

Expenditure Narrative:

No additional expenditures beyond what was calculated when the wastewater rates were increased.

Revenue

Revenue Type	FYE 2026	FYE 2027	FYE 2028	Recurring (R) or Non-recurring (NR)	Fund
General Fund	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Special Revenue	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
CIP	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Enterprise	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Internal Service	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Trust and Agency	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Federal	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Other	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____	_____	_____
Total	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____		

Revenue Narrative:

No additional revenue beyond what was calculated when the wastewater rates were increased.

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