



THE CITY OF  
**RUIDOSO  
DOWNS**

INCORPORATED 1947

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**Gary L. Williams, Mayor**

July 28, 2017

To all residents of the City of Ruidoso Downs:

This is to notify you that the RED TAG – LATE NOTICES for water bills will no longer be distributed. Your bill is due within ten days after receipt, which will be mailed to you on the first of each month and will be considered delinquent, and will be disconnected, if not paid within 25 days of the due date, and will incur additional fees if disconnected.

City of Ruidoso Downs Public Works Department

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**§ 50.18 PRIVATE LINES OR PIPES.**

(A) Private lines or pipes connected to the installations provided by the Water Department shall be in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code, and the Rules and Regulations of the Environmental Improvement Division of the State of New Mexico. All private and fire lines shall be equipped with dual check detector back flow devices, ASSE Std. 1048 or equivalent. Prior to the installation of private water lines or pipes, the user must make the application as set forth herein.

(B) Installations servicing steam boilers must be in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code of the State. No other mechanical device shall be installed by the user, except in accordance with the Uniform Plumbing Code of the State. (1988 Code, § 4-3-6) (Ord. 94-10, passed - -; Ord. 2011-02, passed 5-23-2011) Penalty, see § 50.99

**§ 50.19 PHYSICAL COMPONENTS.**

(A) All of the components connected with the water system, including private lines, pipes, valves, tanks, pumps, wells, hydrants and treating facilities shall be and remain under the control of the Water Department. It shall be unlawful for any person other than members of the Water Department or duly permitted and licensed plumbers to connect, disconnect, move, turn on or off, any valve, meters, or other installations. Per Homeland Security Presidential Directive HSPD9, any such activity by unauthorized personnel shall constitute a misdemeanor and be subject to fines not less than \$100 for the first offense and \$500 thereafter for subsequent offenses.

(B) All water customers shall have their own water shutoff on the customer side of the water meter (New Mexico Plumbing Code § 605.2). Customers with private wells shall not cross connect their system to the City water system and shall have back flow preventers on their private system to assure separation of systems (New Mexico Plumbing Code § 203).

(C) It shall be unlawful for any person to take or use water from the City water system except under the terms and conditions specified herein. (1988 Code, § 4-3-7) (Ord. 94-10, passed - -; Ord. 2011-02, passed 5-23-2011) Penalty, see § 50.99

**§ 50.20 RATES AND CHARGES; BILLING AND COLLECTION.**

(A) The base rates for water users, security deposits, connections, and reconnection fees, shall be as set forth in Appendix A of this chapter.

(B) The rates shall be paid by the property owner at the office of the Utility Clerk within ten days after receipt of statement. If payment is not made within 25 days from the date the payment is due, water and sewer services may be discontinued, and, if discontinued, shall not be again supplied to the person liable for the payment until the arrears, charges penalties, and reconnect fees, have been duly paid.

(C) Delinquent accounts shall incur a penalty of \$10 a flat rate per month, which shall be added to the unpaid balance. Pursuant to §§ 3-27-1 *et seq.* NMSA 1978, as amended, the charges imposed by this chapter shall become a lien upon the premises being served by this service. The lien shall be enforced in the manner provided by §§ 3-36-1 *et seq.* NMSA 1978, as amended. Owner of property shall be responsible for unpaid account balances.

(D) Charges for services shall be deposited, postage prepaid, by the Utility Clerk via postal service. Failure to receive rates for use shall not be a valid reason for failure to pay the rates when due. It