



## City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting

City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd

Rio Communities, NM 87002

Tuesday, May 26, 2026 6:00 PM

### Agenda

*Please silence all electronic devices.*

**Mayor - Joshua Ramsell**

**Mayor Pro Tem - Lawrence R. Gordon**

**Council – Michael Melendez, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez**

#### Call to Order

#### Pledge of Allegiance

#### Roll Call

#### Approval of Agenda

#### Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Approval of Accounts Payable

**Public Comment: The Municipal Clerks office will accept public comments via email until noon on May 11, 2026.** If you wish to speak during the public comment session, the Council will allow each member of the public to three (3) minutes to address the Council. Both the public and Council will follow rules of decorum. Give your name and where you live. The public will direct comments to the City Council. Comment(s) will not be disruptive or derogatory. The Council will not take action or engage in discussion regarding the comments made or received, but when appropriate the matters raised may be referred to staff or others for further review. Both the public and Council will follow rules of decorum. Derogatory Comments or matters under litigation will not be allowed and any person or persons addressing the Council are liable for their own statements.

#### Manager Report

3. Update on Maverick
4. Update on Don Diego
5. Triadic Full Executed Contract
6. Library Update

#### Action Items

7. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of First read- Ordinance 2026-xx Uniform Traffic Code Penalty Assessment.
8. Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Resolution 2026-08 For IPRA fees for Public Record Requests

**Executive Session - For the purpose of the discussion of the purchase, addition or disposal of real property or water rights by the public body pursuant to NMSA 10-15-1(H)(8); and pursuant to §10-15-1(H)(7) For the purpose of a matter subject to attorney-client privilege, for the limited purpose of discussing threatened or pending litigation.**

- \* Motion and roll call vote to go into close session
- \* Motion and roll call vote to go back into the regular business meeting session
- \* Welcome everyone back and statement by the Mayor:

#### Council Discussion

**Our Next Regular Scheduled Business Meeting will be June 8, 2026 @ 6:00 PM**

#### Adjourn

Please join us from the comfort and safety of your own home by entering the following link: @  
<http://www.youtube.com/@CityofRioCommunities>

NOTE: THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO REVISION UP TO 72 HOURS PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED MEETING DATE AND TIME (NMSA 10-15-1 F). A COPY OF THE AGENDA MAY BE PICKED UP AT CITY HALL, 360 RIO COMMUNITIES BLVD, RIO COMMUNITIES, NM 87002. IF YOU ARE AN INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY WHO IS IN NEED OF A READER, AMPLIFIER, QUALIFIED SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER OR ANY OTHER FORM OF AUXILIARY AND OR SERVICE TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE MUNICIPAL CLERK AT 505-861-6803 AT LEAST ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE MEETING OR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.



**City of Rio Communities Council Special Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Monday May 04, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**Mayor - Joshua Ramsell**  
**Mayor Pro Tem - Lawrence R. Gordon**  
**Council – Michael Melendez, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Melendez led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**Governing Body**

Mayor Joshua Ramsell  
Councilor Matthew Marquez Absent  
Councilor Lawrence Gordon  
Councilor Thomas Nelson  
Councilor Michael Melendez

**Staff**

Manager Dr. Martin Moore  
City Attorney Cori Strife

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve agenda. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Gordon

Motion Passed with a 3-0 Vote

**Manager Report**

**Update on Maverick-**

Dr. Moore gave an update on Maverick

**Action Items**

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Grant Agreement 24-ZI5036-121 in the Amount of Ninety-two thousand seventeen dollars and zero cents (\$92,017.00) to Support Rio Communities Fire Department Equipment Reimbursement Program.**

**Motion made by Councilor Melendez Approve of Grant Agreement 24-ZI5036-121 in the Amount of Ninety-two thousand seventeen dollars and zero cents (\$92,017.00) to Support Rio Communities Fire Department Equipment Reimbursement Program. Seconded by Councilor Nelson.**

Voting Yea:  
Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 3-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision –Approval of Resolution 2026-08 For IPRA fees for Public Record Requests.**

**Motion made by Councilor Gordon Approve Resolution 2026-08 for IPRA Fees Seconded by Councilor Melendez.**

Voting Yea:  
Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Gordon

Voting No:  
Councilor Nelson  
Motion Failed with a 2-1 vote

**Discussion Only- Audit Update and Beasley Mitchell.** Dr. Moore Discusses the Audit update and Beasley Mitchell

**Discussion Only- Fiscal Year 2027 Budget.**

**Finance Officer Cassandra Montano gave a presentation on the 2027 Budget with discussion from Council**

Mayor Ramsell Adjourn Meeting  
**Adjourn**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Gauna Municipal clerk  
(Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey, Deputy Clerk)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:

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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor

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Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

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Michael Melendez,  
Councilor

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Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor

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Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor



**City of Rio Communities Council Regular Business Meeting**  
**City Council Chambers - 360 Rio Communities Blvd**  
**Rio Communities, NM 87002**  
**Monday May 11, 2026, 6:00 PM**  
**Minutes**

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**Mayor - Joshua Ramsell**  
**Mayor Pro Tem - Lawrence R. Gordon**  
**Council – Michael Melendez, Thomas Nelson, Matthew Marquez**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Ramsell called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Councilor Nelson led the pledge of allegiance.

**Roll Call**

**Governing Body**

Mayor Joshua Ramsell  
Councilor Matthew Marquez  
Councilor Lawrence Gordon  
Councilor Thomas Nelson  
Councilor Michael Melendez

**Staff**

Manager Dr. Martin Moore  
City Attorney Randall Van Vleck

**Approval of Agenda**

**Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve agenda. Seconded by Councilor Melendez.**

Voting Yea:

Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Gordon

Motion Passed with a 4-0 Vote

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve consent agenda. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

## **Manager Report**

Update on Maverick

Overview of Fiscal year 2026-2027 Budget

## **Action Items**

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Triadic Contract Professional Services Agreement for Finance Equipment, Software Licensing, Software Programming Services.**

**Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve Triadic Contract Professional Services Agreement for Finance Equipment, Software Licensing, Software Programming Services. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval of Amended Financial and Accounting Services agreement with Beasley Mitchell through July 31, 2026.**

Mayor Ramsell Called a 15-minute recess at 6:45pm

Meeting reconvened at 7:06pm

**Motion made by Councilor Nelson to table Amended Financial and Accounting Services agreement with Beasley Mitchell through July 31, 2026. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Marquez

Councilor Nelson

Councilor Gordon

Motion Tabled with a 4-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Submit a Transportation Project Fund ( TPF) Grant Application and Commit to Provide Five Percent (5%) Matching Funds to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for Improvements on Horner Street. ( Highway 47- Brugg Drive)**

**Antonio from HDR was on the phone with Council discussing this agenda item.**

**Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve to Submit a Transportation Project Fund ( TPF) Grant Application and Commit to Provide Five Percent (5%) Matching Funds to the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) for Improvements on Horner Street. ( Highway 47- Brugg Drive) with amendments from HDR. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

Voting Yea:  
Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Approval to Prepare the Application for an Emergency Operating Fund Loan through the New Mexico Board of Finance (NMBOF)**

**Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve to Prepare the Application for an Emergency Operating Fund Loan through the New Mexico Board of Finance (NMBOF). Seconded by Councilor Marquez.**

Voting Yea:  
Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Marquez  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 4-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision – Authorization to Pursue a property tax Rate increase to be effective January 1, 2027**

**Motion made by Councilor Nelson to approve Authorization to Pursue a property tax Rate increase of 2.5% to be effective January 1, 2027. Seconded by Councilor Marquez.**

Voting Yea:  
Councilor Nelson  
Councilor Marquez

Voting No:  
Councilor Melendez  
Councilor Gordon

Motion Tied with a 2-2 vote  
Mayor Broke tie by voting No, Motion Failed

**Motion made by Councilor Melendez to approve Authorization to Pursue a property tax Rate increase to be effective January 1, 2027. Seconded by Councilor Gordon.**

Councilor Marquez and Nelson both abstained from Voting

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Gordon

Motion passed with a 2-0 vote

**Discussion, Consideration, and Decision –Approval of Resolution 2026-08 For IPRA fees for Public Record Request.**

Councilor Marquez and Nelson both abstained from Voting

**Motion made by Councilor Gordon to approve Approval of Resolution 2026-08 For IPRA fees for Public Record Requests. Seconded by Councilor Melendez.**

Voting Yea:

Councilor Melendez

Councilor Gordon

Motion Failed with a 2-0 vote

**Council Discussion**

Councilor Marquez and Nelson discussed the IPRA fees

**Our Next Regular Scheduled Meeting will be Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 6:00pm**

**Adjourn at 8:40pm**

Respectfully submitted,

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Jennifer Gauna Municipal clerk  
(Taken and Transcribed by Patricia McCloskey, Deputy Clerk)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved:

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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor

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Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Mayor Pro-tem/Councilor

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Michael Melendez,  
Councilor

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Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor

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Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor



Rio Communities, NM

# Expense Approval Register

Packet: APPKT01916 - AP 5.19.26

Vendor Name	Payable Number	Post Date	Description (Item)	Account Number	Amount
<b>Fund: 11000 - General Operating Fund</b>					
Comcast Business	ACCT #0007269	05/19/2026	Code/Fire/EMS Telecommun	11000-3002-57160	521.68
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV #9005804847	05/19/2026	Finance Department Copies	11000-2004-57090	160.97
Woodlands Hardware	INV# 0199841	05/19/2026	Various Supplies	11000-5101-56030	26.40
HEI, Inc	INV# 2805	05/19/2026	Cameras malfunction Maker'	11000-2002-54010	311.36
HEI, Inc	INV# 2830	05/19/2026	alarm malfunction CH	11000-2002-54010	498.18
Woodlands Hardware	INV#0198891	05/19/2026	Various Supplies	11000-5101-56030	111.43
Woodlands Hardware	INV#0199041	05/19/2026	Various Supplies	11000-5101-56030	54.97
Woodlands Hardware	INV#0199691	05/19/2026	Various Supplies	11000-5101-56030	59.26
R&R Fleet Services	INV#1006380	05/19/2026	Oil Change for Unit 05	11000-3001-54040	91.79
R&R Fleet Services	INV#1006381	05/19/2026	Oil Change FOR ADMIN VEHI	11000-3001-54040	91.79
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#15181617	05/19/2026	VPN Licenses	11000-2002-55030	6,715.49
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#15182295	05/19/2026	Firewall Upgrade	11000-2002-55030	7,517.94
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#15182295	05/19/2026	Firewall Installation	11000-2002-55030	4,125.00
Craig Independent Tire Co.	INV#175009	05/19/2026	tire repair	11000-5101-54040	59.39
Amazon Business	INV#1XNC-YDQ9-9F1W	05/19/2026	QTY 4 Sun Visor & QTY 1 Wip	11000-3001-54040	84.91
Valencia Regional Emergency	INV#2026-04	05/19/2026	City of Rio Communities PD	11000-3005-55999	28,701.44
Valencia Regional Emergency	INV#2026-04	05/19/2026	City of Rio Communities FD	11000-3005-55999	10,056.31
HEI, Inc	INV#2697	05/19/2026	Cameras malfunction 3/31	11000-3002-54010	560.45
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#41949873	05/19/2026	Police Department Copies	11000-3001-57090	311.42
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#41949874	05/19/2026	Police Department Copies	11000-3001-57090	101.44
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#41949875	05/19/2026	Police Department Copies	11000-3001-57090	23.41
NM Local Government Law	INV#4266	05/19/2026	Legal Services -FY 2024-2025	11000-2002-55020	3,561.31
Prudential Overall Supply	INV#450794493	05/19/2026	Uniform Rental - Open PO	11000-5101-56999	73.56
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#900579159	05/19/2026	Library Copies	11000-4004-57090	99.22
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#9005791761--	05/19/2026	Finance Department Copies	11000-2004-57090	301.20
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#900782644	05/19/2026	CH & FD VOIP	11000-2002-55030	782.61
DBC Waters LLC	MAY INV#323706	05/19/2026	Bottled Water Delivery SVS	11000-2002-56060	36.25
Amazon Business	INV#1T1L-RHG6-9DCN	05/20/2026	Desk Calendar	11000-2004-56020	32.38
Amazon Business	INV#1T1L-RHG6-9DCN	05/20/2026	Paper Clips	11000-2004-56020	17.98
Amazon Business	INV#1T1L-RHG6-9DCN	05/20/2026	Tape dispenser and tape refil	11000-2004-56020	11.99
Amazon Business	INV#1T1L-RHG6-9DCN	05/20/2026	File Folders	11000-2004-56020	12.59
<b>Fund 11000 - General Operating Fund Total:</b>					<b>65,114.12</b>
<b>Fund: 20200 - Environmental</b>					
Universal Waste Systems, Inc	INV#0004655962	05/19/2026	Clean Up Day Dumpster SVS	20200-5009-55999	1,036.08
<b>Fund 20200 - Environmental Total:</b>					<b>1,036.08</b>
<b>Fund: 20600 - Emergency Medical Services</b>					
Stericycle Inc.	INV#8014113242	05/19/2026	medical waste disposal open	20600-3003-55999	145.49
Dana Safety Supply	INV#1011483	05/20/2026	Command Vehicle Upfitting	20600-3003-56999	1,742.00
<b>Fund 20600 - Emergency Medical Services Total:</b>					<b>1,887.49</b>
<b>Fund: 20900 - Fire Protection</b>					
Sharp Electronics Corporatio	INV#9005791760---	05/19/2026	Fire Department Copies	20900-3002-57090	18.57
BRADY COMPANIES LLC	INV#11734550	05/20/2026	janitorial	20900-3002-56050	291.73
<b>Fund 20900 - Fire Protection Total:</b>					<b>310.30</b>
<b>Fund: 21100 - Law Enforcement Protection</b>					
Melloy Ford	INV#FOCS114554	05/19/2026	Unit 02-Remove & Replace B	21100-3001-54040	1,297.33
<b>Fund 21100 - Law Enforcement Protection Total:</b>					<b>1,297.33</b>
<b>Fund: 30300 - State Legislative Appropriation Project</b>					
Morrow Reardon Wilkinson	5.7.2026	05/19/2026	Task 1- Design Development	30300-2002-55030	5,046.60
Chalmers Ford, Inc.	INV#709140	05/07/2026	Ford F250	30300-2002-58080	50,752.20
<b>Fund 30300 - State Legislative Appropriation Project Total:</b>					<b>55,798.80</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>					<b>125,444.12</b>

**Fund Summary**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Expense Amount</b>
11000 - General Operating Fund	65,114.12
20200 - Environmental	1,036.08
20600 - Emergency Medical Services	1,887.49
20900 - Fire Protection	310.30
21100 - Law Enforcement Protection	1,297.33
30300 - State Legislative Appropriation Project	55,798.80
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>125,444.12</b>

**Account Summary**

<b>Account Number</b>	<b>Account Name</b>	<b>Expense Amount</b>
11000-2002-54010	Maintenance & Repairs -	809.54
11000-2002-55020	Contract - Attorney Fees	3,561.31
11000-2002-55030	Contract - Professional S	19,141.04
11000-2002-56060	Supplies - Kitchen	36.25
11000-2004-56020	Supplies - General Office	74.94
11000-2004-57090	Printing/Publishing/Adv	462.17
11000-3001-54040	Maintenance & Repairs -	268.49
11000-3001-57090	Printing/Publishing/Adv	436.27
11000-3002-54010	Maintenance & Repairs -	560.45
11000-3002-57160	Telecommunications	521.68
11000-3005-55999	Contract - Other Service	38,757.75
11000-4004-57090	Printing/Publishing/Adv	99.22
11000-5101-54040	Maintenance & Repairs -	59.39
11000-5101-56030	Supplies - Field Supplies	252.06
11000-5101-56999	Supplies - Other	73.56
20200-5009-55999	Contract - Other Service	1,036.08
20600-3003-55999	Contract - Other Service	145.49
20600-3003-56999	Supplies - Other	1,742.00
20900-3002-56050	Supplies - Janitorial/Mai	291.73
20900-3002-57090	Printing/Publishing/Adv	18.57
21100-3001-54040	Maintenance & Repairs -	1,297.33
30300-2002-55030	Contract - Professional S	5,046.60
30300-2002-58080	Vehicles	50,752.20
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>125,444.12</b>	

**Project Account Summary**

<b>Project Account Key</b>	<b>Expense Amount</b>
**None**	125,444.12
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>125,444.12</b>

# Authorization Signatures

## MAYOR & COUNCILORS

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JOSHUA RAMSELL, MAYOR

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LAWRENCE GORDON, COUNCILOR

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MICHAEL MELENDEZ, COUNCILOR

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MATTHEW MARQUEZ, COUNCILOR

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THOMAS NELSON, COUNCILOR

ATTEST:

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MUNICIPAL CLERK

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-74 THE PENALTY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM; DEFINING PENALTY ASSESSMENT MISDEMEANORS; ESTABLISHING LISTED SCHEDULE OF PENALTY ASSESSMENTS; AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREOF.**

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Communities periodically analyzes the penalty assessment schedule of fines for traffic violations; and

WHEREAS, the penalty assessment fines for traffic violations have not been updated since 2019; and

WHEREAS, the City of Rio Communities has determined a need to update the penalty assessment fines.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO:**

**SECTION 1.**

This Ordinance may be cited as the City of Rio Communities Penalty Assessment Program or Penalty Assessment Schedule.

**SECTION 2.** Section 2 of the City of Rio Communities Penalty Assessment Program adopted by Ordinance 2019-74 be and is hereby amended as follows:

A. As used in the Uniform Traffic Ordinance adopted by the City of Rio Communities, New Mexico, "penalty assessment misdemeanor" means violation of the following listed sections of the Uniform Traffic Ordinance for which the listed penalty assessment is established:

<b><u>COMMON NAME OF OFFENSE</u></b>	<b><u>SECTION VIOLATED</u></b>	<b><u>PENALTY ASSESSMENT</u></b>
PEDESTRIAN CONTROL SIGNALS	12-5-7	\$ 75.00
FLASHING SIGNALS	12-5-8	\$75.00
DISPLAY OF UNAUTHORIZED SIGNS, SIGNALS OR MARKINGS	12-5-10	\$75.00
SPEED REGULATIONS	12-6-1	
(1) Up to and including ten miles an hour over speed limit		\$75.00
(2) From eleven up to and including fifteen miles an hour over speed limit		\$90.00
(3) From sixteen up to and including twenty miles an hour over speed limit		\$155.00

(4) From twenty-one up to and including twenty-five miles an hour over speed limit		\$190.00
(5) From twenty-six up to and including thirty miles an hour over the speed limit		\$215.00
(6) From thirty-one up to and including thirty-five miles an hour over the speed limit		\$240.00
(7) More than thirty-five miles an hour over the speed limit		\$290.00
MINIMUM SPEED REGULATIONS	12-6-1.5	\$75.00
OVERTAKING A VEHICLE ON THE LEFT	12-6-2.3	\$40.00
LIMITATIONS ON OVERTAKING ON THE LEFT	12-6-2.4	\$40.00
NO PASSING ZONES & RESTRICTIONS ON PASSING	12-6-2.7	\$75.00
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	12-6-2.13	\$75.00
DRIVING ON DIVIDED STREETS	12-6-2.14	\$75.00
VEHICLE APPROACHING OR ENTERING INTERSECTION	12-6-4.1	\$75.00
VEHICLES TURNING LEFT AT INTERSECTION	12-6-4.2	\$75.00
VEHICLE ENTERING STOP OR YIELD INTERSECTION	12-6-4.3	\$75.00
LIMITATIONS ON TURNING AROUND	12-6-5.5	\$40.00
STARTING PARKED VEHICLE	12-6-5.7	\$40.00
TURNING & STOPPING MOVEMENTS AND REQUIRED SIGNALS	12-6-5.8	\$75.00
STOPPING, STANDING & PARKING	12-6-6	\$75.00
SPECIAL STOPS REQUIRED	12-6-7	\$75.00
STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS	12-6-7.3	\$190.00
OPERATORS & CHAUFFEURS MUST BE LICENSED	12-6-12.5	\$75.00
LIMITATIONS ON BACKING	12-6-12.9	\$75.00
RESTRICTION ON USE OF VIDEO IN MOTOR VEHICLES	12-6-12.11	\$75.00
COASTING PROHIBITED	12-6-12.12	\$75.00
CROSSING FIRE HOSE	12-6-12.14	\$75.00
DESTRUCTIVE OR INJURIOUS MATERIAL ON ROADWAY	12-6-13.5	\$190.00
OCCUPIED MOVING HOUSE TRAILER	12-6-13.9	100.00
ANIMALS ON STREET	12-6-13.10	\$75.00
DRIVING ON MOUNTAIN STREETS	12-6-13.11	\$75.00
CHILD NOT IN RESTRAINT DEVICE OR SAFETY BELT	12-6-13.12	\$75.00

MANDATORY USE OF SEAT BELTS	12-6-13.13	\$50.00
POSSESSION OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN OPEN CONTAINERS- FIRST OFFENSE	12-6-13.14	\$75.00
SECOND OFFENSE		\$100.00
LITTERING	12-6-13.15.	\$120.00
PEDESTRIAN VIOLATION	12-6-14.	\$75.00
PEDESTRIANS RIGHT-OF-WAY IN CROSSWALKS	12-6-14.2.	\$75.00
PEDESTRIANS TO USE RIGHT HALF OF SIDEWALK	12-6-14.3	\$75.00
CROSSING AT OTHER THAN CROSSWALKS	12-6-14.4	\$75.00
PEDESTRIANS ON STREETS	12-6-14.5	\$75.00
DRIVERS TO EXERCISE DUE CARE	12-6-14.8	\$75.00
DRIVING WHILE LICENSE ADMINISTRATIVELY SUSPENDED	12-6-12.6A	\$75.00
PARKING IN DESIGNATED DISABLED PARKING SPACES	12-9-9.	\$250.00-500.00
PROHIBITED ACTS	12-10-1.1	\$75.00
WHEN LIGHTED LAMPS ARE REQUIRED	12-10-1.3	\$75.00
HEADLAMPS ON VEHICLES	12-10-1.5	\$75.00
DIMMING OF LIGHTS	12-10-1.6	\$40.00
TAIL LAMPS	12-10-1.7	\$75.00
VEHICLES TO BE EQUIPPED WITH REFLECTORS	12-10-1.8	\$75.00
MUFFLERS, PREVENTION OF NOISE	12-10-1.10	\$40.00
LAMP OR FLAG ON PROJECTING LOAD	12-10-1.11	\$40.00
WINDSHIELD MUST BE UNOBSTRUCTED AND EQUIPPED WITH WIPERS; WINDOWS MUST BE TRANSPARENT; EXCEPTIONS	12-10-1.12	\$75.00
SUN SCREENING MATERIALS ON WINDSHIELDS AND WINDOWS; REQUIREMENTS; VIOLATIONS PENALTY	12-10-1.12A	\$75.00
DISPLAY OF CURRENT VALID REGISTRATION PLATE	12-10-4	\$75.00
EVIDENCE OF REGISTRATION TO BE SIGNED AND EXHIBITED ON DEMAND	12-10-5	\$40.00
VEHICLE SUBJECT TO REGISTRATION	12-10-4	\$100.00
REQUIRED LANE TRAVEL FOR TRUCK TRACTORS	12-6-18	\$250.00

- B. The term "penalty assessment misdemeanor" does not include any violation which has caused or contributed to the cause of an accident resulting in injury or death to any person.
- C. When an alleged violator of a penalty assessment misdemeanor elects to accept a notice to appear in lieu of a notice of penalty assessment, no fine imposed upon later conviction shall exceed the penalty assessment established for the particular penalty assessment misdemeanor and no probation imposed upon a suspended or deferred sentence shall exceed ninety days.
- D. The penalty assessment for speeding in violation of Section 12-6-1.2 (4) of the Uniform Traffic Ordinance is twice the penalty assessment established in Subsection A of Section 2 of this ordinance for the equivalent miles per hour over the speed limit.

### **SECTION 3. PENALTY ASSESSMENT MISDEMEANORS; OPTION; EFFECT**

- A. Unless a warning notice is given, at the time of making an arrest for any penalty assessment misdemeanor, the arresting officer shall offer the alleged violator the option of accepting a penalty assessment. The violator's signature on the penalty assessment notice constitutes an acknowledgement of guilt of the offense stated in the notice, and payment of the prescribed penalty assessment is a complete satisfaction of the violation.
- B. Payment of any penalty assessment must be made by mail to the Municipal Court, City of Rio Communities New Mexico within thirty (30) days from the date of arrest. Payments of penalty assessments are timely if postmarked within the time limits set from the date of arrest. The Municipal Court shall issue a receipt when a penalty assessment is paid by currency, but checks tendered by the violator upon which payment is received is sufficient receipt.
- C. No record of any penalty assessment payment is admissible as evidence in any court in any civil action.

### **SECTION 4. FAILURE TO PAY PENALTY ASSESSMENT**

- A. If a penalty assessment is not paid within thirty (30) days from the date of arrest, the violator shall be prosecuted for the violation charged on the penalty assessment notice in a manner as if the penalty assessment notice had not been issued. Upon conviction in such prosecution, the court shall impose penalties as provided by the City of Rio Communities Traffic Ordinance (Section 12-12-1.1), or other law relating to motor vehicles for the particular offense charged, and the scheduled penalty assessments shall not apply.

### **SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY**

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or any portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions thereof.

### **SECTION 6. ORDINANCES REPEALED**

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 7. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026.**

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

*Revised 04/2026*



## CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES

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*Per State law, NMSA 1978 Section 14-2-9, provides for the imposition of reasonable fees when the requester asks the City to provide public records and the need to impose reasonable fees to offset costs of providing said record:*

### IPRA FEES:

Copies:                   Single-sided copies: \$1.00 per page  
                                  Double-sided copies: \$0.75 per page

Emailed:                 \$0.75 per page

USB:                     \$0.75 per page, plus the cost of the USB device(s) at the time of request.  
                                  \$5.00 per 30 minutes of video plus the cost of the USB device(s) at the time of request.

\*\* Copies will be available for pickup at the Office of the City Clerk or mailed USPS Certified, return receipt (as requested), with costs assessed. The Records Custodian may request that applicable fees for copying public records be paid in advance, before the copies are made. A receipt indicating that the fees have been paid will be provided upon request to the person requesting the copies.

Resolution 2026-08

ESTABLISHING A FEE SCHEDULE FOR THE REPRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS  
REQUESTED UNDER NMSA 1978, CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE 2 - THE INSPECTION OF  
PUBLIC RECORDS ACT (IPRA)

WHEREAS, the City Council is the duly authorized governing body of the City of Rio Communities, a New Mexico political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City of Rio Communities recognizes the public's right to inspect public records and endorses as a fundamental right, the public's access to public records as a crucial aspect of our community; and

WHEREAS, applicable State law, NMSA 1978 Section 14-2-9, provides for the imposition of reasonable fees when the requester asks the City to provide public records and the need to impose reasonable fees to offset costs of providing said records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Rio Communities that:

Effective immediately upon approval of this resolution, the attached fees shall apply to requests for records under IPRA through the City of Rio Communities Municipal Clerk's Office, Custodian of Records, payable in advance before copies of records will/can be provided:

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 26<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2026 BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF RIO COMMUNITIES, NEW MEXICO.**

**City of Rio Communities Governing Body**

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Joshua Ramsell,  
Mayor

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Michael Melendez,  
Councilor

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Lawrence R. Gordon,  
Councilor Mayor Pro-tem

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Matthew Marquez,  
Councilor

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Thomas Nelson,  
Councilor

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Jennifer Gauna, Municipal Clerk