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**NOTICE OF SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
CITY OF SOCORRO**

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THE FACILITY IS WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE AND ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES ARE AVAILABLE. REQUESTS FOR ACCOMMODATION FOR INTERPRETIVE SERVICES MUST BE MADE 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING. PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (915) 858-2915 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

LA INSTALACIÓN ES ACCESIBLE PARA SILLAS DE RUEDAS Y HAY PLAZAS DE ESTACIONAMENTOS DISPONIBLES. LAS SOLICITUDES DE ADAPTACIÓN PARA SERVICIOS DE TRADUCCION DEBEN HACERSE 48 HORAS ANTES DE ESTA REUNIÓN. COMUNÍQUESE CON LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DE LA CIUDAD AL (915) 858-2915 PARA OBTENER MÁS INFORMACIÓN

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026 AT 6:00 P.M. AT THE CITY HALL CHAMBERS, 860 N. RIO VISTA RD., SOCORRO, TEXAS AT WHICH TIME THE FOLLOWING WILL BE DISCUSSED:

**THIS WRITTEN NOTICE, THE MEETING AGENDA, AND THE AGENDA PACKET, ARE POSTED ONLINE AT [HTTP://COSTX.US/CITY-CLERK-PUBLIC-NOTICE](http://COSTX.US/CITY-CLERK-PUBLIC-NOTICE) THE PUBLIC CAN ALSO ACCESS THE MEETING BY CALLING TOLL FREE-NUMBER 844-854-2222 ACESS CODE 323610.**

**THE PUBLIC MAY CALL IN 844-854-2222 ACCESS CODE 323610 BY 5:30 PM MOUNTAIN STANDARD TIME (MST) ON THE 11<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026 TO SIGN UP FOR PUBLIC COMMENT AND THE AGENDA ITEM THEY WISH TO COMMENT ON. THE PUBLIC THAT SIGNED UP TO SPEAK WILL BE CALLED UPON BY THE PRESIDING OFFICER DURING THE MEETING.**

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1. Call to order
  2. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

**3. Establishment of Quorum**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- 4. Public Comment** (The maximum time for public comment will be 30 minutes and three minutes will be allotted for each speaker. Government Code 551.042 allows for responses by city council to be a statement of specific factual information given in response to the inquiry; or a recitation of existing policy in response to the inquiry; or a decision to add the public comment to a future agenda.)

**NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA, INCLUDING THOSE ON THE ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA, WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL TO BE ROUTINE AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION ON THESE ITEMS UNLESS CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS REMOVE SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO THE TIME THE CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTE ON THE MOTION TO ADOPT THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA TO THE REGULAR AGENDA WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AFTER ACTING ON THE CONSENT AGENDA.**

**ANY MATTERS LISTED ON THE CONSENT AGENDA AND THE REGULAR AGENDA MAY BE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE OPTION OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO CITY COUNCIL FOLLOWING VERBAL ANNOUNCEMENT, IF AN APPROPRIATE EXCEPTION TO THE OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENT OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS APPLICABLE.**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ARE TYPICALLY NOT TAKEN DURING THE INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES. PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ALLOWED AT THE SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING-ORDINANCE 320**

- 5. *Excuse*** absent council members.

*Olivia Navarro*

- 6. *Introduction, First Reading, and Calling a Public Hearing*** on an Ordinance Establishing a Detention Facility Services Fee for Detention Facilities.


*Adriana Rodarte*

The City Council of the City of Socorro may retire into EXECUTIVE SESSION pursuant to Section 3.08 of the City of Socorro Charter and the Texas Government Code, Sections 551, Subchapter D to discuss any of the following: (The items listed below are matters of the sort routinely discuss in Executive Session, but the City Council of the City of Socorro may move to Executive Session any of the items on this agenda, consistent with the terms of the Open Meetings Act.) The City Council will return to open session to take any final action and may also, at any time during the meeting, bring forward any of the following items for public discussion, as appropriate.

Section 551.071 CONSULTATIONS WITH ATTORNEY  
Section 551.072 DELIBERATION REGARDING REAL PROPERTY  
Section 551.073 DELIBERATION REGARDING PROSPECTIVE GIFT  
Section 551.074 PERSONNEL MATTERS  
Section 551.076 DELIBERATION REGARDING SECURITY  
Section 551.087 DELIBERATION REGARDING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEGOTIATIONS


**7. Adjourn**

**DATED THIS 6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

I, the undersigned authority, hereby certify that the above notice of the meeting of the City Council of Socorro, Texas is a correct copy of the notice and that I posted this notice at least Seventy-two (72) hours preceding the scheduled meeting at the City Administration Building, 124 S. Horizon Blvd., in Socorro, Texas.

**DATED THIS 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2026**

By:   
**Olivia Navarro, City Clerk**

Agenda posted: 2-6-26 @ 4:09 pm  
Removed: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ by: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ORDINANCE

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING A DETENTION FACILITY SERVICES FEE FOR DETENTION FACILITIES; PROVIDING FINDINGS, PURPOSE, DEFINITIONS, FEE IMPOSITION, RATE, USE OF FUNDS, ADMINISTRATION, ENFORCEMENT, SEVERABILITY, AND EFFECTIVE DATE.**

### WHEREAS

1. The City of Socorro is a home-rule municipality authorized under Article XI, Section 5 of the Texas Constitution to regulate land use and recover the reasonable costs of municipal services necessary to protect public health, safety, and welfare;
2. Texas law permits municipalities to impose fees reasonably related to the cost of providing municipal services, provided such fees are not primarily for revenue generation (*City of Houston v. Harris County Outdoor Advertising Ass'n*, 879 S.W.2d 322 (Tex. App.—Houston [14th Dist.] 1994));
3. Detention facilities, including privately operated facilities under federal or state contract, generate disproportionate and recurring demands on municipal police, fire, emergency medical, inspection, planning, and administrative services;
4. These service demands impose direct and measurable costs on the City that are not fully recovered through general taxation;
5. The City Council finds that requiring detention facilities to pay their proportional share of fees reasonable, necessary, and in the public interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOCORRO, TEXAS:

### SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to:

- A. Protect public health, safety, and welfare;
- B. Recover the reasonable and actual costs of municipal services attributable to detention facilities;
- C. Ensure that such costs are not shifted to City residents and businesses;

D. Comply with applicable Texas constitutional and statutory requirements governing fees.

## SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS

### Detention Facility

Any facility, public or private, used for the confinement of individuals by reason of criminal charges, immigration status, civil detention, or other governmental authority, including facilities operated under contract with federal, state, or local agencies.

### Operator

Any private entity or contractor responsible for the operation or management of a detention facility.

### Detention Facility Services Fee

A regulatory, cost-recovery fee imposed to recover the City's costs of providing police, fire, emergency medical, inspection, planning, and administrative services.

## SECTION 3. IMPOSITION OF FEE

A. A Detention Facility Services Fee is hereby imposed on each detention facility located within the City of Socorro, Texas.

B. The fee shall be assessed annually and shall be paid by the facility operator.

C. This fee is a regulatory cost-recovery fee and not a tax.

## SECTION 4. FEE AMOUNT AND CALCULATION

### A. Base Annual Fee

Each detention facility shall pay a Base Annual Detention Facility Services Fee of \$75,000.00

### B. Per-Bed Fee

Each detention facility shall additionally pay a Detention Facility Service Fee of \$600.00 per occupied bed per year, calculated using the facility's average daily population for the prior calendar year.

### C. Adjustments

The City Council may adjust the fee amounts by resolution based on documented changes in municipal service costs.

## SECTION 5. USE OF FUNDS

All fees collected under this ordinance shall be deposited into a restricted municipal services fund and used exclusively for:

1. Police services and coordination
2. Fire protection and inspections
3. Emergency medical services
4. Emergency preparedness and response planning
5. Code enforcement, inspections, and administrative oversight
6. Infrastructure impacts attributable to detention facilities

#### SECTION 6. EXEMPTIONS

This ordinance does not apply to detention facilities owned and directly operated by the State of Texas or the federal government, except to the extent permitted by law. Privately operated facilities under government contract are not exempt.

#### SECTION 7. ENFORCEMENT

Failure to pay the fee constitutes a violation of the City Code and may result in:

- Suspension of certificates of occupancy
- Withholding of permits or approvals
- Civil remedies as authorized by law

#### SECTION 8. SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this ordinance is held invalid, the remainder shall remain in effect.

#### SECTION 9. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect on \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2026.

THE CITY OF SOCORRO

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Rudy Cruz, Jr. Mayor

ATTEST:

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Olivia Navarro, City Clerk

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James A. Martinez, City Attorney

Introduction, First Reading and Calling for a Public Hearing: February 11, 2026

Second Reading and Adoption: