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## **MAYOR PREDICTS NATURAL GAS PRICES TO GO DOWN**

(Las Vegas, NM) Mayor Tony E. Marquez, Jr. announced today that residents of the City of Las Vegas who use the City's natural gas can expect to see lower costs this winter due to lower market prices.

"I am pleased to announce that based on market conditions, my staff has predicted that the cost of natural gas will go down this winter for the residents of Las Vegas. This is great news for our citizens, and especially for those on fixed income such as our elderly residents", the Mayor said.

The City's natural gas is supplied through the Zia Natural Gas Company. Zia is a division of Natural Gas Processing Company, and negotiates annually for their supply and transmission contracts. They pass on the cost of natural gas to the City after approval by the New Mexico Public Regulation Commission. Zia's bill to the City is expected to drop by \$1.844 per MCF (means thousand cubic feet of natural gas, 1MCF=8 gallons of natural gas.)

In turn, the City's cost of gas rate of \$7.06 per MCF is expected to decrease to \$5.13 per MCF or (27%). The cost of service fee will increase 7 cents from \$2.77 to \$2.84 based on the annual consumer price index adjustment. Based on last years average gas usage of 6 MCF per month, residential customers stand to save approximately \$130 or 16% per year off their heating bill for the same consumption. Small Commercial Customers stand to save approximately \$600 or 15% per year off their heating bill.

"It has been the policy of this administration to pass on those savings directly to our customers. An annual average savings of \$130 is quite significant, and will be especially welcome in these difficult economic times", the Mayor went on to say.

The actual savings to each customer will depend on their actual usage, and how it compares to the amount consumed in prior years. Citizens are advised to contact the City of Las Vegas, Customer Service Manager, Pamela Marrujo at 454-3832 if they have any questions about the natural gas rates.

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# “Information at Your Fingertips.”

Did you know, you could easily obtain so much information from our city’s website, not limited to; elected official contact information, department contact numbers, street closures, current weather conditions, Water Restriction information, recreation schedules, and much more.

Mayor Tony E. Marquez, Jr., states, “Our website offers many new features to you, our bosses of city hall, to keep you informed and guided in a timely manner. Important information such as City Council agendas, all **press releases** proved to local media (used or not used), and soon to come, Community Arrivals and Departures, to welcome our cities newborns and to sadly learn of those who passed away in our community.”

In a state of continual evolution and improvements, we expect new links; new information and proper revision and renewal, to better serve you!

In Las Vegas not all residents have access to computers or Internet, our portal of ongoing and vital information for our citizens. We do offer FREE computer and Internet guidance and usage at Carnegie Library. Enter this link; <http://www.lasvegasnm.gov>

The screenshot shows the homepage of the City of Las Vegas, New Mexico. At the top, there is a banner with the city name and Mayor Tony E. Marquez, Jr. Below the banner, there is a navigation menu with a 'Home' link. The main content area is divided into several sections: a search bar, a 'Departments' sidebar listing various city services, a 'What's New!' section with a table of recent news items, a 'Welcome to Las Vegas' section featuring a photo of Mayor Marquez and a welcome message, and a weather widget on the right side showing current conditions and forecasts.

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**What's New!**

<a href="#">PSA Film Production Oct. 17-Nov. 6, Street Closures</a>	<a href="#">Recycle Day, Nov. 14, 7th &amp; University Ave.</a>
<a href="#">2009 YAFL schedule, REVISED</a>	<a href="#">Stage II water restrictions in effect (Ordinance)</a>
<a href="#">After School Program, Recreation Department Sept. 2009</a>	<a href="#">Water saving tips, Utility Service Department</a>
<a href="#">NEW! Public Facilities page</a>	<a href="#">City of Las Vegas Regional Drinking Water Action Plan</a>
<a href="#">City &amp; S.P.W.U.A. settle longstanding dispute</a>	<a href="#">Toilet Rebate Program Application</a>
<a href="#">Resolution 09-39, Filming productions</a>	<a href="#">Water Harvesting Barrel Program</a>
<a href="#">Coming Soon! Capital Improvements page</a>	

**Welcome to Las Vegas**

Uniquely situated where the Rocky Mountains meet the Great Plains, Las Vegas is a thriving community of distinctive cultures with access to history, recreation, education, tradition, arts and government. Our residents are active participants in many civic and public affairs. People of all ages take pride in community and cultural engagement such as higher education, Fourth of July Fiestas, area athletic activities, arts walks, historic home tours and preservation, water skiing, Seniors Olympics, Rough Rider Motorcycle Rally, and citizen involvement in local government.

The City of Las Vegas takes pride in protecting and enhancing the natural environment and beauty by promoting a “greener and cleaner” community. It’s one of a few communities where you can say, “Las Vegas, a breath of fresh air!” We at the City of Las Vegas are pleased to welcome you to our fine

**Weather Widget:**  
Enter city or U.S. zip:  GO  
**Las Vegas, NM**  
Currently: **69°F** Sunny  
Feels Like: 69°F  
Humidity: 30%  
Wind: WSW 16 mph  
[Hour-by-hour](#)  
**Today's Outlook:** **69/38°F** Isolated T-Storms  
[10-day](#)  
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Fall Foliage  
Hiking & Camping  
Football Forecast  
Holiday Weather