

RESOLUTION NO 2026-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTTONDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AS PER RESOLUTION 2025-08; PROVIDING AMENDED RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER USAGE; FORMALIZING OUT OF CITY RATES; PROVIDING A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE CHARGE; PROVIDING LATE AND DELINQUENT FEE CHARGES AND DUE DATES; PROVIDING DEFINITIONS; PROVIDING SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR REPEALER; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Cottondale, Florida, owns and operates a municipal water supply and distribution system serving the City and its inhabitants and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cottondale, Florida, currently establishes the due date for monthly utility bills on or before the 10th day of each month, with a late fee of \$10.00 assessed to accounts remaining unpaid after the 10th day of the month, and a delinquent fee of \$25.00 assessed to accounts remaining unpaid after the 15th day of the month; and

Whereas the City Commission of the City of Cottondale, Florida, has determined that in order to meet all Water Management Guidelines and recommendations of the American Water Works Association, it is in the best interest of the City and its inhabitants and businesses to amend its water and wastewater rates.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COTTONDALE, FLORIDA, that:

Section 1 — Billing Due Dates

The City of Cottondale utility bills shall be calculated and printed between the 28th and 31st of each month. Utility bills shall be due and payable on or before the 15th day of each month. A late fee of \$10.00 shall be charged to each account for which payment has not been received by the 15th day of the month. A delinquent fee of \$25.00 shall be charged to each account remaining unpaid after the 20th day of the month, with utility service subject to cutoff beginning on the 21st day of the month.

Section 2 — Definitions

The following definitions for rate categories are established.

A. Residential. A dwelling primarily used as a residence.

B. Commercial:

1. Commercial I: A commercial enterprise whose average water usage is less than 12,000 gallons per month.
2. Commercial II: A commercial enterprise whose average water usage is more than 12,000 gallons per month.

3. Irrigation: The establishment of a separate account for the purposes of irrigating home gardens, school ball fields, city parks, and is for water usage only.
4. Construction Bulk Water: The establishment of a separate temporary account for the purposes of temporary water usage at construction sites, road right-of-way maintenance, and other construction/maintenance usage of water only.

Section 3 — Rates

- A. A rate schedule is hereby adopted by the City Commission providing for the following monthly user rates for WATER:

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>BASE RATE (FIXED)</u>	<u>VOLUME CHARGE</u>
		Cost per 1,000 Gallons
RESIDENTIAL I	26.73	4.22
RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE CITY	33.44	5.24
RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION	4.16	4.22
COMMERCIAL I	40.22	4.22
COMMERCIAL I – OUTSIDE CITY	44.33	5.24
COMMERCIAL II	135.02	4.22
COMMERCIAL II – OUTSIDE CITY	168.77	5.24
COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	26.18	4.22
COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION- OUT	32.72	4.22
COMMERCIAL II IRRIGATION	87.23	4.22
COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION - OUT	109.05	5.24
CONSTRUCTION BULK	53.67	4.89

- B. A rate schedule is hereby adopted by the City Commission providing for the following monthly user rates for SEWER.

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>BASE RATE (FIXED)</u>	<u>VOLUME CHARGE</u>
		Cost Per 1,000 Gallon
RESIDENTIAL	36.80	6.08
RESIDENTIAL – OUTSIDE CITY	46.00	7.59
COMMERCIAL I – INSIDE CITY	57.14	6.08
COMMERCIAL I – OUTSIDE CITY	68.75	7.59
COMMERCIAL II – INSIDE CITY	148.74	6.08
COMMERCIAL II – OUTSIDE CITY	185.93	7.59
CO COMM II – OUTSIDE CITY	185.93	7.59

Section 4 — Out of City Rate

For any customer outside of the City of Cottondale, the rate charged for water and sewer shall be the rate set above multiplied by a multiplier of 1.25.

Section 5 — Backflow Prevention Device Charge

For each location which has a backflow prevention device, the cost will increase to \$8.40 per month to assist in the cost of inspection of the devices and to establish a reserve fund for the replacement of damaged devices.

Section 6 — Severability

If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held, for any reason, to be unconstitutional, void, or invalid, the validity of the remaining portion of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7 — Repealer

All resolutions or parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Section 8 — Effective Date

This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage.

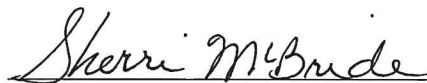
PRESENTED AND READ to the City Commission of the City of Cottondale, Florida, at its 2nd & Final Budget Public Hearing on this the 21st day of September, 2026.

PASSED by the City Commission of the City of Cottondale, Florida, at its Final Budget Hearing on this the 21st day of September, 2026.

CITY OF COTTONDALE, FLORIDA


James A. Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:


Sherri McBride, City Clerk

