

RESOLUTION NO 2024-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF COTTONDALE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES AS PER RESOLUTION 2023-09. PROVIDING AMENDED RATES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER USAGE; FORMALIZING OUT OF CITY RATES, PROVIDING A BACKFLOW PREVENTION DEVICE CHARGE; PROVIDING A LATE FEE CHARGE, 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 business; 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. 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 2 RATES

SECTION. 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	24.25	3.83
RESIDENTIAL OUTSIDE CITY	30.33	4.75
RESIDENTIAL IRRIGATION	3.77	3.83
COMMERCIAL I	36.48	3.83
COMMERCIAL I – OUTSIDE CITY	40.21	4.75
COMMERCIAL II	122.47	3.83
COMMERCIAL II – OUTSIDE CITY	153.08	4.75
COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION	23.74	3.83
COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION- OUT	29.68	3.83
COMMERCIAL II IRRIGATION	79.12	3.83
COMMERCIAL IRRIGATION - OUT	98.91	4.75
CONSTRUCTION BULK	48.68	4.44

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	33.38	5.51
RESIDENTIAL – OUTSIDE CITY	41.72	6.89
COMMERCIAL I – INSIDE CITY	51.83	5.51
COMMERCIAL I – OUTSIDE CITY	62.36	6.89
COMMERCIAL II – INSIDE CITY	134.91	5.51
COMMERCIAL II – OUTSIDE CITY	168.65	6.89
CO COMM II – OUTSIDE CITY	168.65	6.89

Section 3. OUT OF CITY RATE For any customer outside of the City of Cottdale the rate charged for water and sewer shall be rate set above multiplied by a multiplier of 1.25.

Section 4. BACK FLOW PREVENTION DEVICE CHARGE For each location which has a back-flow prevention device there shall be an additional monthly charge of \$8.40 per month to assist in cost of inspection of the devices and to establish a reserve fund for the replacement of damaged devices.

Section 5. LATE FEE: A late fee of \$10 shall be charged to each bill after the 10th of each month if a utility bill has not been paid.

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 23rd day of September, 2024.

PASSED by the City Commission of the City of Cottondale, Florida, at its regular meeting on this the 23rd day of September, 2024.

CITY OF COTTONDALE, FLORIDA

James A. Elmore, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sherri McBride, Clerk