

**ORDINANCE NO. 002-2026**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF CENTURY, FLORIDA ESTABLISHING RATES FOR WATER SERVICES, WASTEWATER SERVICES, AND NATURAL GAS SERVICES; ESTABLISHING UTILITY DEPOSITS AND SERVICE FEES; PROVIDING FOR ANNUAL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI); PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS IN CONFLICT HERewith; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS** the Town of Century owns and operates municipal water, wastewater, natural gas, and garbage utility systems that provide essential services to residents and businesses; and

**WHEREAS** the Town Council must establish rates sufficient to operate, maintain, repair, and improve the Town’s utility systems; and

**WHEREAS** the Town of Century procured a utility rate study through the Florida Rural Water Association to evaluate the financial sustainability of the water and wastewater utility systems; and

**WHEREAS** the Consumer Price Index (CPI) published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics provides a reasonable method for adjusting utility rates in future years.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Century, Florida:**

**SECTION 1. IMPLEMENTATION**

The rates established in this ordinance shall become effective beginning with the billing cycle effective April 1, 2026.

**SECTION 2. WATER RATES**

**Residential / Commercial**

Volume	Rate	Increment
Base Charge (0–2,000 gallons)	\$26.64	Monthly
2,001 – 5,000 gallons	\$5.08	per 1,000 gallons
5,001 – 8,000 gallons	\$5.33	per 1,000 gallons
8,001 – 12,000 gallons	\$5.61	per 1,000 gallons
12,001 gallons and above	\$5.88	per 1,000 gallons

### SECTION 3. WASTEWATER RATES

#### Residential / Commercial

Volume	Rate	Increment
Base Charge (0–2,000 gallons)	\$17.79	Monthly
2,001 – 5,000 gallons	\$3.73	per 1,000 gallons
5,001 – 8,000 gallons	\$3.91	per 1,000 gallons
8,001 – 12,000 gallons	\$4.11	per 1,000 gallons
12,001 gallons and above	\$4.32	per 1,000 gallons

### SECTION 4. NATURAL GAS RATES

Natural gas services shall be billed based upon consumption.

#### Base Natural Gas Availability Charge

\$10.00 per month

#### Cost of Gas

Customers shall pay the actual cost incurred by the Town for purchasing natural gas.

#### Operating Charge

Range in Therms	Rate per Therm
1 – 20	\$1.4700
21 – 60	\$1.4175
61 – 120	\$1.2600
121 – 180	\$1.1550
181 and above	\$1.0500

#### Natural Gas Reconnection Fee (after service has been disconnected for any reason)

\$30.00

### SECTION 5. WATER DEPOSITS

Homeowners — \$100.00

Renters — \$150.00

Business — \$100.00

### SECTION 6. WASTEWATER DEPOSITS

Homeowners — \$30.00

Renters — \$30.00

Business — \$30.00

#### **SECTION 7. NATURAL GAS DEPOSITS**

Homeowners — \$100.00

Renters — \$150.00

Business — \$100.00

#### **SECTION 8. GARBAGE SERVICE DEPOSIT**

Garbage Service Deposit — \$10.00

#### **SECTION 9. PENALTIES AND DISCONNECTION**

A penalty shall be assessed on the 25th day of each month on any utility account with an unpaid balance.

Water and Wastewater Customers — \$25.00

Natural Gas Customers — \$30.00

Accounts remaining unpaid on the 25th day of the month shall be subject to disconnection of service.

Disconnected services shall be restored within twenty-four (24) hours after full payment of the account has been received by the Town.

#### **SECTION 10. ANNUAL CPI ADJUSTMENT**

On October 1, 2026 a CPI increase will be on the Gas Rates only and each October 1 thereafter, the water, wastewater, and gas distribution rates established in this ordinance shall automatically be adjusted based on the annual percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) published by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

#### **SECTION 11. SEVERABILITY**

It is not the intent of this Ordinance to supersede or conflict with any law, rule, or regulation that has been reserved to or is preempted by laws, rules and regulations of the State of Florida. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by

any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. Further, in the event that any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then it is hereby declared to be the intent of the Town of Century Town Council that this Ordinance be construed to the fullest extent possible in a manner that is valid and constitutional and excepting only such portions of this Ordinance that are necessary in order for the remaining portions hereof to be valid and lawful.

**SECTION 12. CONFLICT**

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed to control and prevail over any ordinance or portion thereof in conflict with the terms hereof.

FIRST READING: March 17, 2026

SECOND READING: March 31, 2026

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of March, 2026.

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Mayor Benjamin Boutwell

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk Carrie Moore

*Founded in 1901*

