

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-2384

CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA RELATING TO**
2 **RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES FOR WATER AND SEWER UTILITY**
3 **SERVICE; AMENDING CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE II, SECTION 102-210.1**
4 **OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA;**
5 **ESTABLISHING RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES FOR WATER AND**
6 **SEWER UTILITY SERVICE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2026; MAKING**
7 **FINDINGS OF FACT IN SUPPORT THEREOF; REPEALING ALL**
8 **ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith AND PROVIDING AN**
9 **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

10 **WHEREAS**, the City of Lake City, Florida (the "City") operates water and sewer utility services
11 and charges rates and fees to users thereof; and

12 **WHEREAS**, Section 180.136, Florida Statutes establishes the process for establishing rates,
13 charges, and fees for water and sewer utility service; and

14 **WHEREAS**, amendment of Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-210.1 of the Code of
15 Ordinances of the City as set forth herein is consistent with Florida Statutes; and

16 **WHEREAS**, amendment of Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-210.1 of the Code of
17 Ordinances of the City as set forth herein will require the City Council to establish rates,
18 charges, and fees for water and utility service in the City; and

19 **WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it necessary and prudent to establish rates, charges, and
20 fees for water and sewer utility service commencing on October 1, 2026 at the same rates,
21 charges, and fees established as of September 30, 2026, with no increases thereto; and

22 **WHEREAS**, amending Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-210.1 of the Code of Ordinances
23 consistent with Florida Statutes, and establishing rates, charges, and fees for water and
24 sewer utility service commencing on October 1, 2026 with no increases thereto as set forth
25 herein is in the best interests of the City and promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the
26 community; now, therefore

27 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:**

28 **SECTION 1. CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE II, SECTION 102-210.1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES**

OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 102-210.1 Authority to adopt rates, fees, deposits, and charges.

(1) The city council shall have the authority to establish, modify, or change rates, fees, deposits, and charges for the utility system, and to provide terms and conditions for the payment and collection of the same. All rates, fees, deposits, and charges are found in the SOFRAD.

(2) ~~Consumer price index~~ Rates, charges, and fee adjustments. ~~Commencing October 1, 2023, and each October 1 thereafter, the rates~~ Rates, charges, and fees charged for water and sewer service provided for in the SOFRAD, and elsewhere herein, shall be adjusted from time to time by ordinance. ~~and increased by an amount equal to the percentage of increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index-U.S. Cities Average-All Urban Consumers-All Items-old base (1967=100) as published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, referred to in this subsection as the "index" between the index number of the index of July 1, 1967, which is herein referred to as the "base index number," and the index number of the index on each July 1 of each year thereafter, referred to herein as the "current index number." If the current index number on July 1 of each year beginning July 1, 2023, is greater than the base index number, then the rates charged for water and sewer services as provided for in this section, and elsewhere herein, for the next 12 month period starting October 1, 2023, and on October 1 of each succeeding year thereafter, shall be increased by an amount by which the current index number exceeds the current index number on July 1 of the preceding July 1. In no event shall the increase exceed ten percent in any one year.~~

SECTION 2. CODIFICATION AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 102, ARTICLE II, SECTION 102-210.1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY

The foregoing amendment to Chapter 102, Article II, Section 102-210.1 of the Code of Ordinances shall become and be made a part of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lake City, Florida. The sections, paragraphs, and clauses of the foregoing amendment may be renumbered, re-lettered and the word "Ordinance", "Section", "Article", and "Chapter" may be changed to such other word or phrase in order to accomplish the intention of such amendment. The correction of typographical errors which do not affect the intent or substance of the amendment may be authorized by the City Clerk or the City Clerk's designee with the consent of the City Attorney without public hearing, by filing a corrected or re-codified copy of the same with the City.

SECTION 3. ESTABLISHMENT OF RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES

- A. Effective October 1, 2026, rates, charges, and fees for water and sewer utility service are established pursuant to the Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Fees attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- B. The provisions of this Section 3 of this ordinance, including the attached Schedule of Rates, Charges, and Fees not be codified in the City's Code of Ordinances, but rather shall be included in the *City of Lake City Utility Schedule of Fees, Rates and Deposits (SOFRAD)*.
- C. Rates, charges, and fees for utilities services not specifically included in the attached Exhibit "A" shall be established as otherwise provided by City ordinance.

SECTION 4. REPEAL OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are, to the extent they conflict with this Ordinance, repealed.

SECTION 5. PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY

It is the declared intent of the City Council that, if any section, sentence, clause, phrase, or provision of this ordinance is for any reason held or declared to be unconstitutional, void, or inoperative by a court or agency of competent jurisdiction, such holding of invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Ordinance and the remainder of this Ordinance, after the exclusion of such part or parts, shall be deemed to be valid.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the City Council.

APPROVED, UPON FIRST READING, by the City Council of the City of Lake City at a regular

98 meeting on the ____ day of September, 2026.

99 **PUBLICLY NOTICED**, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Lake City, Florida, by
100 the City Clerk of the City of Lake City, Florida, on the ____ day of September, 2026.

101 **APPROVED AND ADOPTED UPON SECOND READING**, by an affirmative vote of a majority of
102 a quorum present of the City Council of the City of Lake City, at a regular meeting this ____
103 day of September, 2026.

BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY,
FLORIDA

Noah E. Walker, Mayor

ATTEST, BY THE CLERK OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA:

Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Clay Martin, City Attorney

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SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES									
WATER INSIDE CITY LIMITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026									
RESIDENTIAL		Base Charge	\$24.19						
		Total							
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)	Base Charge	Usage Charge							
Billing Charge \$2.77	\$ 2.77	Block 1	\$13.75	Block 2	\$20.75	Block 3	\$27.55	Block 4	
Monthly Base Charge:									
3/4" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
1" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
1.5" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
2" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
3" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
4" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
		Base Charge	\$22.06						
		Total							
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)	Base Charge	Usage Charge							
Billing Charge \$2.77	\$ 2.77	Block 1	\$12.40	Block 2	\$18.60	Block 3	\$24.80	Block 4	
Monthly Base Charge:									
3/4" Meter	\$19.29	0-5,000	\$2.48	5,001-10,000	\$3.72	10,001-15,000	\$4.96	above 15,000	\$6.22
1" Meter	\$19.29	0-5,000	\$2.48	5,001-10,000	\$3.72	10,001-15,000	\$4.96	above 15,000	\$6.22
1.5" Meter	\$19.29	0-5,000	\$2.48	5,001-10,000	\$3.72	10,001-15,000	\$4.96	above 15,000	\$6.22
2" Meter	\$19.29	0-5,000	\$2.48	5,001-10,000	\$3.72	10,001-15,000	\$4.96	above 15,000	\$6.22
3" Meter	\$19.29	0-5,000	\$2.48	5,001-10,000	\$3.72	10,001-15,000	\$4.96	above 15,000	\$6.22
4" Meter	\$19.29	0-5,000	\$2.48	5,001-10,000	\$3.72	10,001-15,000	\$4.96	above 15,000	\$6.22
		Base Charge							
		Total							
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)	Base Charge	Usage Charge							
Billing Charge \$2.77		Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
Monthly Base Charge:									
3/4" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
1" Meter	\$53.54	0-12,500	\$2.75	12,501-25,000	\$4.15	25,001-37,500	\$5.51	above 37,500	\$6.90
1.5" Meter	\$107.09	0-25,000	\$2.75	25,001-50,000	\$4.15	50,001-75,000	\$5.51	above 75,000	\$6.90
2" Meter	\$171.33	0-40,000	\$2.75	40,001-80,000	\$4.15	80,001-120,000	\$5.51	above 120,000	\$6.90
3" Meter	\$342.68	0-80,000	\$2.75	80,001-160,000	\$4.15	160,001-240,000	\$5.51	above 240,000	\$6.90
4" Meter	\$535.44	0-125,000	\$2.75	125,001-250,000	\$4.15	250,001-375,000	\$5.51	above 375,000	\$6.90
6" Meter	\$1,070.87	0-250,000	\$2.75	250,001-500,000	\$4.15	500,001-750,000	\$5.51	above 750,000	\$6.90
8" Meter	\$1,713.39	0-400,000	\$2.75	400,001-800,000	\$4.15	800,001-1,200,000	\$5.51	above 1,200,000	\$6.90

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SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES
WATER INSIDE CITY LIMITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IRRIGATION/FIRE HYDRANT									
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)		Base Charge		Usage Charge					
Billing Charge \$2.77		Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
3/4" Meter	\$21.42	0-5,000	\$2.75	5,001-10,000	\$4.15	10,001-15,000	\$5.51	above 15,000	\$6.90
1" Meter	\$53.54	0-12,500	\$2.75	12,501-25,000	\$4.15	25,001-37,500	\$5.51	above 37,500	\$6.90
1.5" Meter	\$107.09	0-25,000	\$2.75	25,001-50,000	\$4.15	50,001-75,000	\$5.51	above 75,000	\$6.90
2" Meter	\$171.33	0-40,000	\$2.75	40,001-80,000	\$4.15	80,001-120,000	\$5.51	above 120,000	\$6.90
3" Meter	\$342.68	0-80,000	\$2.75	80,001-160,000	\$4.15	160,001-240,000	\$5.51	above 240,000	\$6.90

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SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES									
WATER OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS 2026									
RESIDENTIAL		Base Charge Total	\$30.94						
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)	Base Charge	Usage Charge							
Billing Charge \$4.16		Block 1	\$17.20	Block 2	\$25.85	Block 3	\$34.50	Block 4	
3/4" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
1" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
1.5" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
2" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
3" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
4" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
SENIOR CITIZEN		Base Charge Total	\$28.29						
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)	Base Charge	Usage Charge							
Billing Charge \$4.16		Block 1	\$15.50	Block 2	\$23.25	Block 3	\$31.10	Block 4	
3/4" Meter	\$24.13	0-5,000	\$3.10	5,001-10,000	\$4.65	10,001-15,000	\$6.22	above 15,000	\$7.77
1" Meter	\$24.13	0-5,000	\$3.10	5,001-10,000	\$4.65	10,001-15,000	\$6.22	above 15,000	\$7.77
1.5" Meter	\$24.13	0-5,000	\$3.10	5,001-10,000	\$4.65	10,001-15,000	\$6.22	above 15,000	\$7.77
2" Meter	\$24.13	0-5,000	\$3.10	5,001-10,000	\$4.65	10,001-15,000	\$6.22	above 15,000	\$7.77
3" Meter	\$24.13	0-5,000	\$3.10	5,001-10,000	\$4.65	10,001-15,000	\$6.22	above 15,000	\$7.77
4" Meter	\$24.13	0-5,000	\$3.10	5,001-10,000	\$4.65	10,001-15,000	\$6.22	above 15,000	\$7.77
COMMERCIAL									
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)	Base Charge	Usage Charge							
Billing Charge \$4.16		Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
3/4" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
1" Meter	\$66.93	0-12,500	\$3.44	12,501-25,000	\$5.17	25,001-37,500	\$6.90	above 37,500	\$8.62
1.5" Meter	\$133.87	0-25,000	\$3.44	25,001-50,000	\$5.17	50,001-75,000	\$6.90	above 75,000	\$8.62
2" Meter	\$214.17	0-40,000	\$3.44	40,001-80,000	\$5.17	80,001-120,000	\$6.90	above 120,000	\$8.62
3" Meter	\$428.34	0-80,000	\$3.44	80,001-160,000	\$5.17	160,001-240,000	\$6.90	above 240,000	\$8.62
4" Meter	\$669.31	0-125,000	\$3.44	125,001-250,000	\$5.17	250,001-375,000	\$6.90	above 375,000	\$8.62
6" Meter	\$1,338.59	0-250,000	\$3.44	250,001-500,000	\$5.17	500,001-750,000	\$6.90	above 750,000	\$8.62
8" Meter	\$2,141.75	0-400,000	\$3.44	400,001-800,000	\$5.17	800,001-1,200,000	\$6.90	above 1,200,000	\$8.62

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WATER OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS 2026**

IRRIGATION/FIRE HYDRANT									
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)	Base Charge	Usage Charge							
Billing Charge \$4.16		Block 1		Block 2		Block 3		Block 4	
3/4" Meter	\$26.78	0-5,000	\$3.44	5,001-10,000	\$5.17	10,001-15,000	\$6.90	above 15,000	\$8.62
1" Meter	\$66.93	0-12,500	\$3.44	12,501-25,000	\$5.17	25,001-37,500	\$6.90	above 37,500	\$8.62
1.5" Meter	\$133.87	0-25,000	\$3.44	25,001-50,000	\$5.17	50,001-75,000	\$6.90	above 75,000	\$8.62
2" Meter	\$214.17	0-40,000	\$3.44	40,001-80,000	\$5.17	80,001-120,000	\$6.90	above 120,000	\$8.62
3" Meter	\$428.34	0-80,000	\$3.44	80,001-160,000	\$5.17	160,001-240,000	\$6.90	above 240,000	\$8.62

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SEWER INSIDE CITY LIMITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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SCHEDULE OF RATES, CHARGES, AND FEES
SEWER OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RESIDENTIAL		BASE CHG	\$58.79
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)			
			Usage Charge (per 1000)
Billing Charge	\$2.77		
3/4"	\$56.02	up to 16,000	\$7.08
1"	\$56.02	up to 16,000	\$7.08
1.5"	\$56.02	up to 16,000	\$7.08
2"	\$56.02	up to 16,000	\$7.08
3"	\$56.02	up to 16,000	\$7.08
4"	\$56.02	up to 16,000	\$7.08

Commerical					
Monthly Base Charge (per ERU)					
				Usage Charge (per 1000)	
Billing Charge		\$2.77			
5/8"-3/4"	\$	56.02	All gallons	Commercial I	\$7.08
1"	\$	140.06	All gallons	Commercial II	\$8.15
1.5"	\$	280.09	All gallons	Commercial III	\$9.21
2"	\$	448.14	All gallons		
3"	\$	896.30	All gallons		
4"	\$	1,400.46	All gallons		
6"	\$	2,800.92	All gallons		
8"	\$	4,481.47	All gallons		

SEWER ONLY			
Billing charge-\$2.77			
Base Facility Only	\$56.02	Residential	
	\$105.56	Commercial C1	
	\$113.07	Commercial C2	
No WATER	\$105.56	Residential	
	\$105.56	Commercial C1	
	\$113.07	Commercial C2	
Half Rate	\$28.02	Residential	
	\$28.02	Commercial C1	
	\$28.02	Commercial C2	

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