

**TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS
ORDINANCE NO. 2504**

AN ORDINANCE BY THE TOWN COUNCIL TO INCREASE THE WATER SERVICE FEE SCHEDULE IN CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Town of Tallulah Falls, Georgia, (hereinafter referenced to as the “Town”) is a municipal corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Georgia, and is governing by the Mayor and Town Council (hereinafter referenced to as the “Governing Body”); and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Governing Body is vested with the authority to adopt and/or amend ordinances; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. § 36-34-5(a)(4) provides municipalities with the authority to prescribe, revise, and collect rates related to water systems; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sec. 38-32 of The Code of Ordinances of the Town of Tallulah Falls, Georgia, the water rate schedule can be changed through an action of the town council; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s Governing Body now finds that the current and future fees charged by the Town for water usage within the Town must increase in order to generate enough revenue to satisfy the requirements of the Town’s water system; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Tallulah Falls, Georgia, through its Governing Body, believes an initial increase followed by a scaled and gradual increase in the water usage rates will be in the best interest of the Town’s population;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS, GEORGIA, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS: the above preamble is incorporated here.

- 1. Approval of Water Rate Increase.** The water usage rates shall increase until June 30, 2026 in accordance with the figures within the chart attached hereto and incorporated as “Exhibit A.” Then, beginning on July 1, 2026, the water rates shall increase 5% at the beginning of each fiscal year for the following five years, until July 1, 2030. During these five years, Georgia Rural Water Association will evaluate the water rates to make sure they are generating enough revenue to meet the requirements of the water system. The Town will make adjustments to the increase if necessary. Attached hereto and incorporated as “Exhibit B” is a sample showing the increase for an average customer using 3,000 gallons of water per month.

2. **Severability.** To the extent any portion of this Ordinance is declared to be invalid, unenforceable, or nonbinding, that shall not affect the remaining portions of this Ordinance.
3. **Repeal of Conflicting Provisions.** Except as otherwise provided herein, all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed. All other ordinances or parts of ordinances, however, that remain unchanged by the instant modifications contained in this Ordinance are intended to be continued in full force and effect, subject to the instant modifications set forth in this Ordinance.
4. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall take effect upon signature of the Mayor.

SO ORDAINED this 13 day of November, 2025.

THE TOWN OF TALLULAH FALLS



MIKE EARLY, Mayor

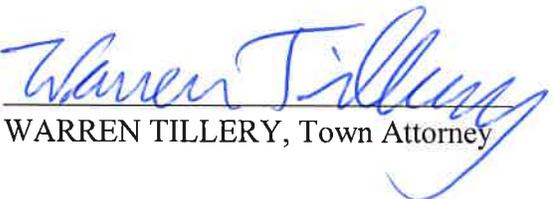
ATTEST:

[SEAL]



LINDA LAPEYROUSE, Town Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



WARREN TILLERY, Town Attorney

EXHIBIT A

The following chart shows the proposed increases in water rates for the average customer using between 0 and 10,000 gallons of water per month. These proposed rates will be effective until June 30, 2026.

WATER AND SEWER RATE COMPARISON FOR THE CITY OF TALLULAH FALLS

	CURRENT RATES	PROPOSED NEW RATES FOR 2025		
		Total	% Increase	\$ Increase
Zero Gallons	\$ 33.00	\$ 35.00	6.06%	\$ 2.00
1,000 Gallons	\$ 33.00	\$ 39.00	18.18%	\$ 6.00
2,000 Gallons	\$ 33.00	\$ 43.00	30.30%	\$ 10.00
3,000 Gallons	\$ 37.50	\$ 48.00	28.00%	\$ 10.50
4,000 Gallons	\$ 42.00	\$ 53.00	26.19%	\$ 11.00
5,000 Gallons	\$ 46.50	\$ 58.00	24.73%	\$ 11.50
6,000 Gallons	\$ 51.25	\$ 63.50	23.90%	\$ 12.25
7,000 Gallons	\$ 56.00	\$ 69.00	23.21%	\$ 13.00
8,000 Gallons	\$ 60.75	\$ 74.50	22.63%	\$ 13.75
9,000 Gallons	\$ 65.50	\$ 80.00	22.14%	\$ 14.50
10,000 Gallons	\$ 70.25	\$ 85.50	21.71%	\$ 15.25

EXHIBIT B

The following chart shows the estimated a 5% rate increase for the average customer using 3,000 gallons of water per month. Beginning with the current rate for the year 2025, the chart shows the proposed increase for 2025. Then, the projected 5% increase will begin on July 1, 2026 and an additional 5% will be added each year for the next five (5) years, until July 1, 2030.

Description	Current	Proposed					
	2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
Water Bill for 3,000 Gals.	\$37.50	\$48.00	\$50.40	\$52.92	\$55.57	\$58.35	\$61.27
Amount of Increase		\$10.50	\$2.40	\$2.52	\$2.65	\$2.78	\$2.92