

**ORDINANCE NO. 2026 – 41**

**TO SET RATES FOR RETAIL WATER SERVICES**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CULLMAN, ALABAMA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1 Charges for water services provided by the City of Cullman shall be calculated on a billing period of approximately thirty (30) days or once each month and shall be based upon the quantity of water used.

SECTION 2 There are hereby established the following charges for water service measured by quantity of water used, effective October 1, 2026:

RESIDENTIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS  
\$ 10.00 plus \$ 10.75 per 1,000 gallons

RESIDENTIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS  
\$ 20.00 plus \$ 16.50 per 1,000 gallons

COMMERCIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS  
\$ 20.00 plus \$ 12.75 per 1,000 gallons

COMMERCIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS  
\$ 40.00 plus \$ 18.50 per 1,000 gallons

INDUSTRIAL RATES INSIDE CITY LIMITS  
\$ 50.00 plus \$ 14.75 per 1,000 gallons

INDUSTRIAL RATES OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS  
\$ 100.00 plus \$ 20.50 per 1,000 gallons

AGRICULTURAL RATE FOR POULTRY FARMERS  
\$ 20.00 plus \$ 12.75 per 1,000 gallons

The “Agricultural Rate” is only applicable to poultry farmers that operate at least one poultry house continuously during the year. To receive the Poultry Farmers rate, poultry houses must be owned and operated by United States citizens.

SECTION 3 There will be an inflation adjustment of 3% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI), whichever is greater, applied to all rates and fees included in this ordinance on every October 1<sup>st</sup> beginning on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027 unless the City Council passes a resolution to waive the inflation adjustment.

SECTION 4 The provisions of this Ordinance shall not in any way affect the Wholesale Water Rate charged by the City, which rate is calculated annually as provided in the contracts between the City of Cullman and its wholesale customers.

SECTION 5 All ordinances or parts thereof which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby expressly repealed.

SECTION 6 This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026.

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President of the City Council

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this the 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2026.

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Mayor

### COUNCIL AGENDA REQUEST

Date: 06/15/2026

Department: Water Name: Courtney Brown

Phone: 256-595-8658 Email: cbrown@cullmanal.gov

Type of request (select all that apply):

- Alcohol License
- Budget Amendment
- Contract Approval
- Public Comment
- Special Event
- Other water rates
- Annexation
- Change Order
- Petition
- Resolution
- Tax Abatement
- Bid Award
- Codification Change
- Proclamations
- Rezoning
- Variance

Reason for Request:

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Supporting Documentation:

Attach supporting documentation.

Signed by:  
Signature: Courtney Brown  
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Approval Sequence:

1. Administration – City Clerk’s Office

Verifies form is completed and proper documentation is attached.

Approved to Move Forward  Rejected  Return to Requestor

Comments:

Signed by:  
Signature: Pam Leslie Date: June 17, 2026 | 10:19 AM CDT  
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2. Council Committee Chairperson - Paul Schaffer

Ensures necessity of the request.

Approved to Move Forward  Rejected  Return to Admin

Comments:

Signed by:  
Signature: Paul Schaffer Date: June 17, 2026 | 2:52 PM CDT  
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3. Council President

Approved for Council Agenda  Rejected  Return to Committee

Comments:

Signed by:  
Signature: Kim Hall Date: June 17, 2026 | 7:49 PM CDT  
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4. Administration – City Clerk’s Office

Added to Council Agenda Date of Meeting: 06/22/2026

Comments:

Signed by:  
Signature: Wes Moore Date: 06/18/2026  
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