

RESOLUTION NO. 36-2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, PERTAINING TO RATES
FOR STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICE, PROVIDING
FOR THE ADJUSTMENT OF RATES, PROVIDING FOR
REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS, AND
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Gulf Breeze provides stormwater utility services to the residents within the city limits of the City of Gulf Breeze, and must rely upon stormwater utility rates to pay for the costs of operating and maintaining the stormwater utility system and to provide for adequate reserves; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes 403.0893 and Article IX. Stormwater Utility Management, Sections 19-384 of the City of Gulf Breeze Code of Ordinances authorize the City to establish and impose rates for stormwater utility services; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the cost of operating and maintaining the stormwater utility, including but not limited to personnel costs and the purchase of energy, have increased; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the stormwater utility operating revenues must be sufficient to maintain the current level of service and meet the financial obligations of the Stormwater Utility Enterprise Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City retained Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. (“Raftelis”) to perform a limited review of the sufficiency of the City’s monthly stormwater utility rate, in which Raftelis evaluated the stormwater utility rate to determine a rate that, when combined with other applicable revenue, recovers the cost of operating and maintenance expenses and debt service payments; and

WHEREAS, based on its analysis, Raftelis recommended a two-year rate adjustment for the stormwater utility rates to produce revenues to recover the cost of operating and maintenance expenses and debt service payments; and

WHEREAS, through Resolution No. 51-2025, the City Council approved the two-year cost-of-service rate adjustment, including a \$2.95 per equivalent residential unit (“ERU”) increase for FY2027, increasing the monthly stormwater utility rate from \$14.36 to \$17.31 per ERU; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to implement year two of the previously approved cost-of-service rate adjustment and adopt a 3.6% Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) adjustment for FY2027, which, when applied to the \$17.31 rate, results in a monthly stormwater utility rate of \$17.93 per ERU; and

WHEREAS, the City gave notice on its customers' utility bills of a Public Meeting set for Monday, September 21, 2026, to consider an increase in stormwater utility service monthly rates; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed Public Meeting on Monday, September 21, 2026, on this matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. RECITALS.

That the "whereas" clauses set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. ADJUSTMENT OF THE STORMWATER UTILITY SERVICE MONTHLY RATE.

Pursuant to Resolution No. 51-2025, year two of the previously approved cost-of-service rate adjustment is hereby implemented for FY2027, increasing the monthly stormwater utility rate by \$2.95 per equivalent residential unit ("ERU"), from \$14.36 to \$17.31 per ERU.

A 3.6% Consumer Price Index ("CPI") adjustment for FY2027 is hereby adopted and applied to the \$17.31 monthly rate. Applying the 3.6% CPI adjustment to the \$17.31 rate results in a monthly stormwater utility rate of \$17.93 per ERU, effective for services billed after September 30, 2026.

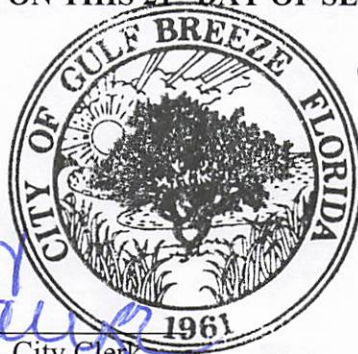
SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING PROVISIONS

All resolutions and policies or parts thereof of the City in conflict with the provisions herein contained are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby superseded and repealed.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA, ON THIS 21st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026.



CITY OF GULF BREEZE, FLORIDA

By: _____

JB Schluter, Mayor

ATTEST

Leslie A. Guyer, MMC, City Clerk