

ORDINANCE 2025-11

AN ORDINANCE ADJUSTING GAS RATES FOR THE TOWN OF SAINT FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA

Whereas, Operating & Maintenance expenses has reached a level that present rate structure does not ensure the Town of Saint Francisville, LA adequate revenue to continue maintaining gas system in a safe and reliable manner as in the past;

Whereas, the present rate structure does not address the effect on net revenue of weather patterns and large unbudgeted expense items;

Whereas, the present rate structure does not adequately provide revenue to offset increasing expenses associated with regulatory compliance;

Whereas, the Town of Saint Francisville, LA wishes to use best efforts to continue to provide its customers with a safe, reliable gas system while also providing them with services at a competitive price;

Now, therefore, The Town of Saint Francisville, LA hereby adopts the following rate structure beginning January 13, 2026 for its gas system;

SECTION I: GLOSSARY

MCF	- Thousand Cubic Feet
CCF	- Hundred Cubic Feet
Weighted Average Cost of Gas	- All upstream cost of Gas Supply including gas, agent fees, transportation, imbalances, and any other fees associated with gas supply divided by volume of city gate receipts.
Consumer Price Index	- (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.
Gas Loss Percentage	- Most recent July 1 st thru June 30 th comparison between gas delivered at city gate station(s) less Gas sold to city customers.
Revenue Stabilization Factor	- (RSF) Methodology Described in Section IV which is a monthly adjustment to gas markup to ensure required revenue is met for maintaining system regardless of weather patterns and other variables.

SECTION II: GAS RATES & FEES

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER IN TOWN:

Monthly Availability Charge = \$15.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (CCF)) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$0.87 per CCF + CPI + RSF

RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER OUT OF TOWN

Monthly Availability Charge = \$17.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (Ccf)) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$0.87 per CCF + CPI + RSF

SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER IN TOWN: Shall be defined as a commercial establishment whose 12-month average usage is less than 150 units of MCF.

Monthly Availability Charge = \$20.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (CCF)) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$0.87 per CCF + CPI + RSF

SMALL COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER OUT OF TOWN: Shall be defined as a commercial establishment whose 12-month average usage is less than 150 units of MCF.

Monthly Availability Charge = \$23.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (CCF)) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$0.87 per CCF+ CPI + RSF

LARGE COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER IN TOWN: Shall be defined as a commercial establishment whose 12-month average usage is 150 units of MCF or more.

Monthly Availability Charge = \$37.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (CCF)) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$ 0.855 per CCF+ CPI + RSF

LARGE COMMERCIAL CUSTOMER OUT OF TOWN: Shall be defined as a commercial establishment whose 12-month average usage is 150 units of MCF or more.

Monthly Availability Charge = \$39.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (CCF)) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$ 0.855 per CCF + CPI + RSF

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT HIGH USAGE RATES: Total monthly usage 500 MCF or more

Monthly Availability Charge = \$39.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (Ccf)) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$ 0.70per CCF+ CPI + RSF

HOSPITAL SERVICE DISTRICT HIGH USAGE RATES: Total monthly usage below 500 MCF

Monthly Availability Charge = \$39.00 + CPI

Usage = (WACOG (Weighted Average Cost of Gas) per Hundred Cubic Foot (Ccf) X GAS LOSS PERCENTAGE) + \$ 0.855per CCF + CPI + RSF

Note: all reconnect fees, shut off fees or any other fees not specifically addressed this Resolution per the Town of Saint Francisville, Louisiana Gas Rates & Fees will stay at the same rate as presently established

SECTION III: CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI)

Annually the Gas system Availability charge & per unit margin for all non-negotiated rate customers will be adjusted by using the most recent CPI as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics *Table 1. Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)*.

SECTION IV: REVENUE STABILIZATION FACTOR

CALCULATION

The RSF shall be based on the greater of a) Amount sufficient to meet Coverage ratio of all bond covenants related to gas revenue OR b) Budgeted Net Revenue prior to transfers out.

The RSF shall be calculated monthly based on the following:

Step 1.a If using debt coverage ratio: Calculate the coverage ratios required under all existing bond covenants for GAS system.

Step 1.b If using budget method: Calculate the amount that your needs to charge over the cost of gas to meet total revenue NOT including the cost of gas.

Step 2. As soon as monthly billing is available, calculate the variance between budgeted vs actual sales in dollars plus any material unbudgeted expenses.

Step 3. If results are a shortfall, then the Town will Calculate the factor per CCF by dividing net shortfall by average remaining budgeted sales volume to arrive at a cost per CCF.

Example:

Shortfall = \$25,000.00

Average Pro-Forma Budgeted Sales Volumes = 25,780,000 CCF

RSAF = \$25,000.00 ÷ 25,780 OR \$0.0009697 per CCF

Step 4. Beginning with the next billing cycle all usage will include an additional \$0.0009697 per CCF until end of fiscal year or subsequent RSF calculations.

SECTION V: REPEALER:

All ordinances, resolutions or parts of ordinances or resolutions in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI: SEVERABILITY:

If any section, provision, or part of this resolution shall be adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the resolution as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof, not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION VII: EFFECTIVE DATE:

This Ordinance shall be in effect on Month/Day/Year, after its final passage approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved this 13th day January 2026.

ATTEST:



DANA LEJEUNE – TOWN CLERK



ANDREW J. D'AQUILLA-MAYOR