

Drug-related deaths drop in Kentucky

FRANKFORT – Last week, Gov. Andy Beshear announced that overdose deaths in the commonwealth decreased for the third year in a row, with a 30.2 percent decrease in 2024 compared with the previous year.

Among Black Kentucky residents, which had not previously seen a decrease, 170 died from a drug overdose, a decrease from 271 in 2023, marking a 37.3% decrease. According to the 2024 Kentucky Drug Overdose Fatality Report, 1,410 Kentuckians lost their lives

last year to a drug overdose.

Fentanyl was present in 62.3 percent of overdose deaths, and methamphetamine was present in 50.8 percent of overdose deaths. The two continue to be the most prevalent drugs contributing to overdose deaths in the state. The report also indicates that most Kentucky age groups saw a decrease in overdose deaths, with the only increase being among those ages 75-84.

“I am thankful that more Kentuckians are alive and in recovery today compared with

last year,” Beshear said. “But we still mourn and grieve our 1,410 Kentuckians who lost their life last year to addiction and the many more who we lost before that. Every life lost is a child of God, and someone’s mom, dad, son, daughter and loved one. We won’t stop until every Kentuckian is saved from addiction.”

In 2023, Kentucky reported a 9.8% decrease compared with 2022. In 2022, there was a decrease of 2.5% from 2021, marking the first year Kentucky saw a decrease in overdose

deaths since 2018. By working together, the Governor said, Kentucky is saving lives. He credited the state’s continued decline in overdose deaths to several factors including:

More than \$29.7 million was distributed in grant and pass-through funding from the Office of Drug Control Policy;

170,000 doses of Narcan were distributed;

84 syringe exchange program sites served 27,799 unique participants;

More than 142,310 Kentuckians received addiction

services through Medicaid;

More than 17,390 Kentuckians received addiction treatment paid for by the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort;

More than 17,980 Kentuckians received recovery services (housing assistance, employment services, transportation, basic need services, etc.) in their community paid for by the Kentucky Opioid Response Effort;

19 Kentuckians sought treatment through the Kentucky State Police Angel Initiative;

More than 3,320 incoming calls were made to the KY HELP Call Center with more than 14,080 outgoing follow upcalls; and

21 counties are now certified as Recovery Ready Communities representing nearly 1.5 million Kentuckians.

“Today’s announcement is made possible by every state agency, local community, health department, addiction treatment program and advocate who has put politics aside and fought

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NOTICE TO CUSTOMERS OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY

RECOVERY BY ENVIRONMENTAL SURCHARGE OF KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY’S 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE PLAN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in an April 30, 2025 Application, Kentucky Utilities Company (“KU”) is seeking approval by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in Case No. 2025-00105, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute 278.183, of an amended compliance plan (“2025 Plan”). (Collectively, KU’s Application and supporting testimony and exhibits are KU’s “tariff filing.”) If approved, KU will begin recovering capital costs associated with a new pollution control facility in the 2025 Plan under KU’s existing Electric Rate Schedule ECR (also known as the Environmental Surcharge tariff) through an increase in the environmental surcharge on customers’ bills beginning in December 2025.

KU filed an application with the Commission on February 28, 2025, in Case No. 2025-00045 seeking approval to construct a selective catalytic reduction system at the Ghent generating station to reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions, which are a precursor to ozone. In Case No. 2025-00105, KU is seeking an order approving the 2025 Plan to recover the costs of this new pollution control facility through its Environmental Surcharge tariff. This project will help ensure ongoing compliance with regulations issued under the federal Clean Air Act as amended, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for ozone.

The estimated total capital cost of this new pollution control facility is \$152.3 million. Additionally, KU is requesting recovery of future incremental capital and operation and maintenance expenses associated with this new pollution control facility. KU is also asking to recover the cost of publishing this customer notice through the Environmental Surcharge over 12 months and to have Environmental Surcharge recovery of future Commission-approved administrative expenses, including customer notice costs.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 1 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 0.81% in 2029. Group 1 includes Rate Schedules Residential Service (RS), Residential Time-of-Day Energy Service (RTODE), Residential Time-of-Day Demand Service (RTODD), Volunteer Fire Department Service (VFD), All Electric School (AES), and all Lighting Rates (i.e., LS, RLS, LE, and TE).

RS and VFD customers using 1,085 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.09. RTODE customers using 1,043 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.01 up to \$1.14. RTODD customers using 987 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.80. AES customers using 25,620 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.30 up to \$24.28. LS and RLS customers could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.12. LE customers using 2,473 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.02 up to \$1.59. TE customers using 147 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.00 up to \$0.15.

Beginning in December 2025, the initial bill impact for KU’s Group 2 customers is estimated to be a 0.01% increase with a maximum increase of 1.10% in 2029. Group 2 includes Rate Schedules General Service (GS), General Time-of-Day Energy Service (GTODE), General Time-of-Day Demand Service (GTODD), Power Service (PS), Time-of-Day Secondary Service (TODS), Time-of-Day Primary Service (TODP), Retail Transmission Service (RTS), Fluctuating Load Service (FLS), and Outdoor Sports Lighting Service (OSL).

GS customers using 1,657 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.03 up to \$2.41. GTODD customers using 19,652 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.31 up to \$25.26. PS-Secondary customers using 30,434 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.39 up to \$32.35. PS-Primary customers using 35,028 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.45 up to \$36.82. TODS customers using 189,538 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$1.54 up to \$126.82. TODP customers using 1,242,574 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$8.25 up to \$678.42. RTS customers using 7,387,224 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$38.91 up to \$3,199.31. FLS-Transmission customers using 44,229,667 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$237.46 up to \$19,525.53. OSL-Secondary customers using 4,627 kWh/month could expect a monthly increase of \$0.17 up to \$13.87.

The Application described in this Notice is proposed by KU, but the Commission may issue an order resulting in an environmental surcharge for customers other than the environmental surcharge described in this Notice.

Comments regarding KU’s 2025 Plan and Application may be submitted to the Commission through its website or by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602.

Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, Kentucky 40602, establishing the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party. If the Commission does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication of this Notice, the Commission may take final action on the Application.

Any person may examine KU’s tariff filing at the Commission’s offices located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or through the Commission’s website at <http://psc.ky.gov> or KU’s website (<http://www.lge-ku.com>) after KU makes its tariff filing on April 30, 2025. KU has requested a deviation from the requirement to make the tariff filing available at its office at One Quality Street, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. If the Commission denies that request, KU will make the tariff filing available at its office upon request by any person.

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PUBLIC NOTICE SHELBY COUNTY FISCAL COURT FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

The second reading and adoption of the Shelby County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for the fiscal year, is scheduled to be held at the date, time and location listed below.

Date: **06-03-2025**
Time: **06:00 pm**
Location: **Courthouse**

BUDGET SUMMARY
AN ORDINANCE Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Shelby County Fiscal Court, Kentucky:

WHEREAS, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the Shelby County Fiscal Court, and approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer, on the dates listed below:

Approval by the Fiscal Court: **05/06/2025**
Approved by State Local Finance Officer

The following budget is adopted for the fiscal year specified herein, and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

General Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	7,700,332.00
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	5,229,624.00
5200	GENERAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	1,872,451.61
5300	SOCIAL SERVICES	692,500.00
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	1,179,032.74
7700	LEASES	0.00
8000	CAPITAL PROJECTS	2,100,000.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	493,350.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	297,487.65
9300	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	0.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	1,907,000.00
9500	DISTRIBUTIONS TO OTHER GOVT AGENCIES	2,000,000.00
Total		23,471,778.00
Road Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	1,800.00
6100	ROADS	3,582,571.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	124,500.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	12,437.00
9300	TRANSFERS TO OTHER FUNDS	0.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	605,250.00
Total		4,326,558.00
Jail Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	4,604,480.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	133,500.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	10,970.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	1,332,550.00
Total		6,081,500.00
Local Government Economic Assistance Fund		
6100	ROADS	0.00
Total		0.00
FEDERAL GRANTS FUND		
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	3,000,000.00
Total		3,000,000.00
Ambulance Fund		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	5,171,208.00
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	105,700.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	36,592.00
9400	FRINGE BENEFITS- EMPLOYERS SHARE	2,105,500.00
Total		7,419,000.00
Special Fund		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	0.00
9200	CONTINGENT APPROPRIATIONS	0.00
Total		0.00
TRANSIENT ROOM TAX		
5400	RECREATION AND CULTURE	1,001,000.00
Total		1,001,000.00
EQUITABLE SHARING FUND (FEDERAL) SHERIFF		
5100	PROTECTION TO PERSONS AND PROPERTY	8,100.00
Total		8,100.00
KACOLT LEASING TRUST		
7700	LEASES	7,035.98
Total		7,035.98
COUNTY CLERK PERMANENT STORAGE FEES		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	281,000.00
Total		281,000.00
OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND		
9100	GENERAL SERVICES	572,000.00
Total		572,000.00
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE CONTROL FUND		
5000	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	76,000.00
Total		76,000.00
Total Budget Appropriations		46,243,971.98

SECTION TWO. This ordinance shall be published in the The Sentinel News by title and summary within thirty (30) days following adoption.

SECTION THREE. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
All interested persons and organizations are hereby notified that a copy of the Shelby County proposed budget in full is available for public inspection at the office of the County Judge/Executive during normal business hours.