

Sweet potatoes need 150 days

This southern crop is tropical by nature but can be grown successfully in Kentuckiana as long as we wait until it is warm (nighttime temperatures in the 60's). If they have 150 frost-free days and some steamy Ohio Valley weather, we will be knee deep in sweet potatoes by Thanksgiving. Homegrown sweet potatoes are far superior to anything you will find at the grocery store, so if you love this crop as much as I do you might consider planting a plot. Sweet potatoes require very little attention-other



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than keeping the weed competition down. It takes me about 10 minutes to prep the row with some composted manure and a garden fork; and another 10 minutes to pop two dozen slips into the ground...they are watered in with a little fish emulsion and generally perk back up the following day; if it is hot, I will shade them with a screen propped up on some blocks until they root out. Ideally the bed should be a little on the sandy side so that drainage is maximized but average garden soil amended with composted manure is ade-

quate. Unlike the potato, which is planted out in tuber form, the sweet potato is planted out as a little seedling called a slip. You can grow your own slips by cutting a sweet potato into several chunks, suspending them on toothpicks in a bowl and covering half the tuber with water; sprouts will form, and these are "harvested" as your slips for planting. Plant your slips in mounds about 12 inches apart; sink the slip so that the top leaves are just sticking above the soil surface. Water in (and irrigate, when necessary, sweet potatoes will really plump up with adequate moisture) and wait. Many sweet potato growers

suggest fertilizing only a portion of your plants so you can be the judge: the general consensus is that unfertilized sweet potatoes taste better. Let your compost do the work instead! Sweet potatoes are harvested after the first fall frost turns the foliage black. Carefully dig your sweet potatoes with a garden fork and let them dry in the sun for a couple of hours and then transfer them to a warm, shaded, well-ventilated area and spread them out on some screens or newspaper. Let them cure in the warm shade for another 2 weeks, dirt and all, before you put them in storage. Prior to storage use your hands to rub off residual

dirt but do not wash them. You can harvest "baby bakers" as they grow but the sweetness of the potato is enhanced if you wait until after frost and several weeks of curing. This process allows the starches to turn to sugar. I noticed last year it took about a month in storage before the sweetness really came forward. Properly cured sweet potatoes can store for 6 months or more at about 50 degrees. Obviously our slightly warmer basement is adequate because we typically get up to 7 months of successful storage. Some old-time sweet potato growers are emphatic about not disturbing your sweet potatoes until you are ready to

eat them. This is why, they say, homegrown sweet potatoes are better than store-bought. Store-bought sweet potatoes are on the move which causes the sugars to constantly move through the tuber hastening undetectable spoilage; the homegrown variety sits quietly in the basement which allows the sugars to settle to the bottom, keeping the tuber fresher and sweeter. If you decide to grow sweet potatoes annually then be sure to rotate the crop to control potential insect problems. There are few pests, really, but if you plant in the same place year after year the sweet potato weevil may find itself a permanent home.

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for our Kentuckians to obtain recovery. Thank you for moving Kentucky forward and doing this good work," said Office of Drug Control Policy Executive Director Van Ingram. "If you are a family member

of one of the Kentuckians who lost their lives to an overdose last year, we are praying for you and will continue this work in your loved one's honor." Brandon Fitch, program administrator for recovery services with the Kentucky Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, said: "Kentucky's commitment

to recovery is saving lives across our commonwealth – and I'm one of them. The state invested in me when I needed it most, and now I'm honored to give back through my work. Recovery isn't just possible – it's happening." The Governor has continued to fight the state's drug epidemic since his time as attorney general, when he led the nation

in the number of individual opioid lawsuits filed by an attorney general. Now, Gov. Beshear is working to make sure the hundreds of millions of dollars in settlement funds

go to treatment and the communities impacted. Recently, Gov. Beshear announced that Kentucky secured another low recidivism rate. Nearly 70% of people

released from state custody over the past two years have not been re-incarcerated. The state's Treatment Access SEE DEATHS/PAGE B8

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PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 100, the Triple S Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stratton Center, 215 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky to consider the following:

Z-489-25: An application for a zone change and variance request by Wells Property Solutions, LLC and Self Made Investing, LLC for property located approximately 200 feet west of 8th Street on the north side of Petry Street, Shelbyville, KY (PVA Map No. S9-06-007) from Low Density Residential District (R-2A) Single-Family Only to Residential Rehabilitation District (RRD). The variance request is from Section 668.4 of the Shelbyville Zoning Regulations to reduce the side yard setback from 5 feet to 4.6 feet for the west side property line for Lot 1 and the east side property line for Lot 5, and to reduce the side yard setback from 5 feet to zero feet for all interior side lot lines between Lots 1 through 5.

Z-490-25: An application for a zone change request for the Estate of Sandra Lee Pope for property located at 1891 Flood Road, Shelbyville, KY from Agricultural (A) to Residential Estates (RE).

More information is on file in the Commission office, 419 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY and may be inspected during regular office hours from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 100, the Triple S Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stratton Center, 215 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky to hear the following:

Docket #1090-5-25: Edwards Development and Management Solutions is requesting a 7-foot height variance to allow a pole sign to be 13 feet tall instead of the required 6 feet and to allow the sign to be internally lit for property located at 7025 Shelbyville Road, Simpsonville, KY. The request is from Section 9.10 of the Simpsonville Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned Village Center (VC).

Docket #1091-5-25: Buck Creek Investors, LLC is requesting a variance for a 16 feet parking lot encroachment into the 40 feet front yard setback limit for property located at 4360 West Old Brunerstown Road, Simpsonville, KY. The request is from Section 9.7(H)(2) of the Simpsonville Zoning Ordinance. The property is zoned Industrial General (IG).

More information is on file in the Triple S Planning Commission office, 419 Washington Street, Shelbyville, KY and may be inspected during regular office hours

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-002 CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE

THIS IS AN ORDINANCE OF THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE,

SECTION 1:
THE BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2026 SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

REVENUES:	GENERAL FUND	RESTRICTED	ROAD FUND	SEWER	PARKS
Ad Valorem	\$ 430,000.00				
Franchise Fee	\$ 260,000.00				
Garbage / Sewer Billing Income	\$ 300,000.00			\$ 875,000.00	
KLEFPF	\$ 52,000.00				
Occupational License Fee	\$ 1,600,000.00				
Rental	\$ 28,000.00				\$ 4,000.00
Insurance Tax	\$ 600,000.00				
Interest	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Administrative Fees	\$ 20,000.00				\$ 272,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,000.00				
Base Court Revenue	\$ 28,000.00				
Surplus Revenue	\$ 75,000.00				
School Resource Officer	\$ 25,000.00				
Building Inspections	\$ 50,000.00				
Tap On / Capacity Fees				\$ 20,000.00	
Tourism		\$ 373,000.00			
Road Aid			\$ 60,000.00		
Effluent Line Proceeds				\$ 25,000.00	
Grants	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 673,400.00		\$ 500,000.00	
Loans				\$ 1,500,000.00	
TOTAL Revenue	\$ 3,512,000.00	\$ 1,047,400.00	\$ 60,085.00	\$ 2,921,000.00	\$ 276,000.00
Estimated Balance Carried Forward	\$ 3,643,000.00	\$ 718,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 1,245,000.00	\$ 127,000.00
TOTAL Revenue	\$ 7,155,000.00	\$ 1,765,400.00	\$ 118,085.00	\$ 4,166,000.00	\$ 403,000.00
EXPENSES:					
General Government / Administrative	\$ 1,215,500.00			\$ 113,500.00	\$ 268,500.00
Police	\$ 1,917,250.00				
Public Works	\$ 261,000.00		\$ 22,000.00		
Debt Service	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 120,000.00		\$ 265,000.00	
Sewer Operations				\$ 583,000.00	
Park Operations					\$ 75,000.00
Community Events		\$ 60,000.00			\$ 4,500.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 2,558,000.00	\$ 1,303,063.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	
Snow Removal			\$ 10,000.00		
TOTAL Appropriations / Expenses	\$ 6,071,750.00	\$ 1,483,063.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 3,046,500.00	\$ 348,000.00
RECAP REVENUES & APPROPRIATIONS:					
A. TOTAL REVENUES & RESOURCES	\$ 7,155,000.00	\$ 1,765,400.00	\$ 118,085.00	\$ 4,166,000.00	\$ 403,000.00
B. TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS/EXPENSES	\$ 6,071,750.00	\$ 1,483,063.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 3,046,500.00	\$ 348,000.00
C. ESTIMATED CASH BALANCE END OF FY	\$ 1,083,250.00	\$ 282,337.00	\$ 36,085.00	\$ 1,119,500.00	\$ 55,000.00

This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and upon publication in the Sentinel News

First Reading: April 15, 2025

Second Reading: May 6, 2025

ATTEST:
Denise Miller, City Clerk

Ronnie Sowder, Mayor

Published in the Sentinel News: May 15, 2025

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NOTICE OF PASSAGE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
SHELBY COUNTY FISCAL COURT
ORDINANCE NO. 05-06-03, SERIES 2025

AN ORDINANCE RELATED TO NEW SUBDIVISIONS AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
IN SHELBY COUNTY, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS, Shelby County, Kentucky, through the Shelby County Fiscal Court, acknowledges the benefit and value of growth to Shelby County, and

WHEREAS, Shelby County, Kentucky, through the Shelby County Fiscal Court, deems it necessary to ensure that the infrastructure of Shelby County can properly accommodate said growth, and

WHEREAS, Shelby County, Kentucky, through the Shelby County Fiscal Court, has determined restrictions on the usage of county roads are necessary.

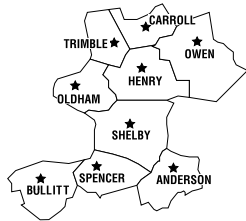
THEREFORE, BE ORDAINED by Shelby County, Kentucky, through the Shelby Fiscal Court, as follows:

Any new major subdivision within Shelby County (as defined by Triple S Planning Commission Regulations) or industrial development that has an entrance onto a county road is prohibited unless the county road is a two-lane road with at least a 30-foot width as described in KRS 178.040.

I hereby certify that Ordinance No. 05-06-03, SERIES 2025 was enacted and adopted by the Fiscal Court of Shelby County, Kentucky, on May 6, 2025, and the foregoing summary is a true and accurate summary of said Ordinance, and it is further certified that the foregoing summary was prepared by the undersigned, the duly elected Shelby County Attorney and a licensed, practicing attorney of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/ Carrie McIntyre
Shelby County Attorney
Date: May 6, 2025

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REAL ESTATE: (Sells at 12:00 Noon)

Tract # 1: 6-acre building parcel that is an ideal home site with beautiful views.
Tract # 2: Residual tract consisting of 97 acres more or less (not surveyed but selling by residual description) with frontage on Mills Lane Road. This tract is gently rolling with a nice, cleared field, woods, and a variety of suitable home sites. This is a great recreational tract as well, with an abundance of deer and turkey.

Tract # 3: Small farmhouse on a nice two acre lot. This is a great fixer-upper or rental property in a prime location.
Tract # 4: 5-acre building parcel improved with a combination barn with loft. Great home site with a pond and scenic views.
NOTE: All tracts have frontage on Mills Lane Road, electricity available, and access to city water with buyer installation.

PUBLIC INSPECTION SUNDAY, MAY 17TH 2:00 - 4:00 PM
TRACTORS/MACHINERY: John Deere 5085 E, 4WD, canopy, 108 hours, New Holland WorkMaster 70, 4WD, 104 hours, ROPS, with New Holland 621 TL loader with bucket and hay spear, New Holland 3930 diesel, 1529 hours, Farmall 140 with cultivators and side dresser, Polaris Ranger 4x4 side by side, Bushhog 3210 pull type 10 foot mower, Bushhog 286 3 point-6 foot mower, Kory 18 foot flat wagon, two bottom plow, like new Bushhog RTS 74 roto tiller, three point bog disc, Scott's 17 HP, 42 inch cut riding mower, multiple other pieces.

VEHICLES: 1955 Chevrolet Bel-Air, 2012 Chevrolet Canyon crew cab, 257,000 miles, 4x4, 2012 Dodge Challenger 183,000 miles, leather interior, 1983 Chevrolet dually 2WD pickup, 454 big block, 1947 Dodge Club Coupe project car, 2009 Harley Davidson Fat Boy, only 146 miles, 2012 Harley Davidson Sportster 48 with 600 miles, Honda CRF 100F dirt bike, Honda Forerunner four wheeler, power steering, 579 hours, Moomba ski boat, trailer, cover.

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