

# NCAA: Basketball tournaments stay at 68 teams this season, talks continue for 2027

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The NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments will not expand beyond 68 teams in 2026, but future growth remains on the radar.

"Expanding the tournament fields is no longer being contemplated for the 2026 men's and women's basketball championships," Dan Gavitt, NCAA senior vice president of basketball, said in a statement on Monday. "However, the committees will continue conversations on whether to recommend expanding to 72 or 76 teams in advance of the 2027 championships."

NCAA President Charlie Baker has said adding teams could add value to the tournament, and he said the NCAA already has had "good conversations" with TV partners CBS and Warner Bros., whose deal runs through 2032 at the cost of around \$1.1 billion a year.

The NCAA Tournament expanded from 64 to 68 teams in 2011. The change introduced the First Four round, a set of pre-tournament games in which the four lowest-seeded at-large teams and four lowest-seeded conference champions compete for spots in the traditional 64-team bracket.

Baker indicated in May that the current formula has flaws and said it would be beneficial to give more opportunities to worthy teams.

"If you have a tournament that's got 64 or 68 teams in it, you're going to have a bunch of teams that are probably among what most people would consider to be the best 68 or 70 teams in the country that aren't going to make the tournament, period," Baker



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**A basketball with a March Madness logo is seen going through a net prior to a second round of the NCAA college basketball tournament between Notre Dame and Michigan, March in South Bend, Ind.**

said then. "The point behind going from 68 to 72 or 76 is to basically give some of those schools that were probably among the 72, 76, 68, 64 best teams in the country a way into the tournament." Coaches have expressed

different opinions about an expanded bracket. Tom Izzo, Nate Oats and Dan Hurley have indicated they like the field at 68 but Texas coach Sean Miller told CBS Sports he wouldn't mind expansion. "Never before has the

tournament felt more even, with few exceptions," Miller said. "On any given night in a 40-minute game, it's just amazing what can happen. I think adding depth to that will only make what's already good even better."

# LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

CITY OF SHELBYVILLE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-07(A)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY AMENDING THE PAY STRUCTURE AS SET OUT IN ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06-20(B) FOR CITY OF SHELBYVILLE FIRE PERSONNEL

This Ordinance amends the pay grade system and the annual salary ranges for City of Shelbyville Fire Department employees holding the rank of Firefighter, Fire Sergeant, Fire Captain, Assistant Fire Chief and Fire Chief, by uniformly revising the amount of pay received per years of service. These salary changes shall apply to work performed after June 23, 2025. The full text of this ordinance may be reviewed at Shelbyville City Hall, 315 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

I hereby certify that a true and accurate summary of the foregoing Ordinance was read at meetings of the City Council of the City of Shelbyville on July 17, 2025, and August 7, 2025, and that the Ordinance and its summary were prepared by the undersigned, a duly licensed practicing attorney of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/ Steven C. Gregory  
Shelbyville City Attorney  
Date: August 7, 2025

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ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE, KENTUCKY AMENDING THE SALARY RANGES AS SET OUT IN ORDINANCE NO. 2024-06-20

This Ordinance amends the pay grade system and the annual salary ranges for City of Shelbyville employee positions in Administration, at the Public Works Department, and at Weissinger Hills Golf Course, and for certain leadership and administrative employee positions at the Shelbyville Police and Fire Departments. These salary changes shall apply to work performed after June 23, 2025. The full text of this ordinance may be reviewed at Shelbyville City Hall, 315 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

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# LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to KRS 100, the Triple S Board of Adjustments and Appeals will hold a public hearing on Thursday, August 28, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stratton Center, 215 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky to hear the following:

Docket #1099-08-25: Steve & Tricia Neary request a Conditional Use Permit for a Non-Owner Occupied Short-Term Rental for property located at 121 Adair Avenue, Shelbyville, KY. The request is from Section 663.2i of the Shelbyville Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Very Low Density Residential (R-1).

Docket #1100-08-25: Jacob & Nicole Anderson request a 95 feet front yard setback variance to be 5 feet instead of the required 100 feet setback for property located at 1340 Buckley Lane, Shelbyville, KY. The request is from Section 652.4 of the Shelby County Zoning Regulations. The property is zoned Agricultural (A).

Docket #1101-08-25: Lindsay Corgan on behalf of Brandon Cerrito & Marvin & Dori Lewis has filed an appeal of the Administrative Official's decision that an Indoor/Outdoor Mini-Golf center at 151 Stonecrest Road, Shelbyville, KY is not a permitted or conditional use in the Commercial (C) zoning district per Article VI, Table 6.01 of the Shelbyville Zoning Regulations.

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.

# LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PASSAGE AND SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

CITY OF SHELBYVILLE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-08-07(B)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 60.003 and 60.014 OF CHAPTER 60 OF THE CITY OF SHELBYVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE TAXES AND FEES

This Ordinance amends Sections 60.003 and 60.014 of Chapter 60 of the Shelbyville Code of Ordinances with regards to the ownership of long-term residential rental property. It eliminates the rule which requires that a property owner shall derive at least twenty percent (20%) of their gross income from such rentals or be involved in the management of such rentals for at least twenty percent (20%) of their income-generating activity time, in order for that property owner to be subject to the license fee on income derived from real estate ownership. The new requirement, as stated in Section 60.003(D), reads as follows: "Every person or business entity that collects income from the rental or leasing of two (2) or more units of residential property, or any one (1) unit of residential property that includes more than four (4) separate and distinct sub-units, shall first annually obtain a license from the City Clerk before the commencement of that business, the fee for which shall be seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). The provisions in this subsection (D) shall not apply to a property owner of a unit of residential property in which that property owner lives in one (1) sub-unit of the property, the property includes no more than a total of four (4) separate and distinct sub-units, and the property owner does not collect income from the rental or leasing of any other units of residential property." The category of property ownership described in Section 60.003(D) is subject to the license fee requirements of Section 60.003(A).

The full text of this ordinance may be reviewed at Shelbyville City Hall, 315 Washington Street, Shelbyville, Kentucky 40065.

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/s/ Steven C. Gregory  
Shelbyville City Attorney  
Date: August 7, 2025

# LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE PUBLIC NOTICE

2025 PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX RATE PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing

The City of Simpsonville will hold a public hearing Tuesday, September 2, 2025 at 5:45pm in the Simpsonville City Meeting Room, 108 Old Veechdale Road, for the purpose of obtaining comments from the public regarding the proposed tax rate.

The tax rate levied last year was nine point two cents (9.2) per hundred and produced revenues in the amount of \$424,445. This year's compensating rate is eight point six cents (8.6) and will produce revenues in the amount of \$430,198. The City of Simpsonville proposes a rate of eight point nine cents (8.9) per hundred, which will produce \$445,205 in revenue.

Revenue expected from New Property is \$2,135; revenue expected from Personal Property is \$0.00; revenue expected from Motor Vehicles is \$0.00; and revenue expected from Watercraft is \$0.00.

Revenue received in excess of last year's revenue will be used for general operating expenses of the General Fund.

The Kentucky General Assembly requires that the City of Simpsonville publish this notice with the above information contained herein pursuant to KRS 132.027.

# LEGAL NOTICE

BID NOTICE:

Shelby County Emergency Medical Services will be accepting sealed bids for a new 2026/2027 or newer Type 1 Ford F-550 4X4 Diesel Ambulance. The complete bid package with specifications may be picked up at the Shelby County EMS Headquarters 101 Old Seven Mile Pike Shelbyville, KY 40065 between 08:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (local time) Monday through Friday or by calling Chief Jerrett Barnes (502) 633-5725 Ext: 223 for arrangements to receive the bid package. Sealed bids are to be returned to Shelby County EMS Headquarters by Thursday September 11, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. No decision will be made at this time. When submitting your bid, please be advised that there will be no advance or prepayment of goods or services rendered. Bid packages will be opened September 12, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Shelby County EMS Headquarters located at 101 Old Seven Mile Pike Shelbyville, KY 40065. The department reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Shelby County Emergency Medical Services  
Jerrett A. Barnes, Chief of Operations  
101 Old Seven Mile Pike  
Shelbyville, KY 40065

# LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF SIMPSONVILLE  
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-003

An Ordinance of the City of Simpsonville, Kentucky, for the closing of an alley along the east side of Third Street (Todds Point Road) north of Main Street and south of the railway, running parallel to the railway in Simpsonville, Kentucky.

WHEREAS, in accordance with KRS 82.405, a request has been made by the property owner, Slice and Stay, LLC, that the alley running adjacent to its property be closed;

WHEREAS, it has been determined by the City that said alley should be closed in part;

WHEREAS, all owners in or abutting the alley to be closed consist of:

Slice and Stay, LLC - property owner requesting the closure  
57 Persimmon Ridge  
Louisville, KY 40245

Donahue Properties, LLC  
12417 Old Henry Road  
Louisville, KY 40223

Michael V. and Margaret V. Walker  
301 Main Street  
Simpsonville, KY 40067

and written notice was given these property owners concerning the alley closing and they have given their notarized written consent to said alley closing- See Exhibit "A";

WHEREAS, the City Commission states that all procedures in KRS 82.405 have been met for the closing of this subject right of way and that all publications will be in accordance with KRS Chapter 424.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Simpsonville, Kentucky, acting through its lawful legislative body, the Simpsonville City Commission, that the 12-foot alley more particularly described below, is hereby closed.

BEGINNING at a point in the easterly right-of-way of State Highway 1848, also known as Todds Point Road, at its intersection with the south line of a 12' alley, said point being 161.00' north of Main Street; thence leaving Todds Point Road with the southerly line of said alley south 84 degrees 35 minutes 37 seconds east 96.00' to a point; thence crossing said alley north 05 degrees 24 minutes 23 seconds east 12.00' to a point in the northerly line of said alley; thence with said northerly line north 84 degrees 35 minutes 37 seconds west 96.00' to a point in the easterly right-of-way of Todds Point Road, said point being marked by a P.K. nail; thence with the easterly right-of-way of Todds Point Road south 05 degrees 24 minutes 23 seconds west 12.00' to the POINT OF BEGINNING, and containing 1,152 square feet.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption of by the Simpsonville City Commission and publication in accordance with Chapter 424 of Kentucky Revised Statutes.

FIRST READING: May 6, 2025  
SECOND READING: August 5, 2025  
PUBLISHED: August 14, 2025

APPROVED: Ronnie Sowder, Mayor  
ATTEST: Denise Miller, Clerk