

# Fiscal Court approves Micro/Boutique Winery Ordinances

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Regulations are now in place for any future Micro/Boutique Wineries that may come into the county.

At the June 2 Spencer County Fiscal Court meeting, the court approved three different ordinances pertaining to future Micro/Boutique Wineries in the county.

There was much discussion on how the final verbage should read, and after several modifications, the ordinances were approved by the court.

The approved ordinances read:

**Spencer County, Kentucky ORDINANCE NO. 21 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Series**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 601 OF THE TAYLORSVILLE-SPENCER COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS REGARDING USES ALLOWED IN THE B-1, NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONE PERTAINING TO MICRO/BOUTIQUE WINERY**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Taylorsville-Spencer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission on the 17th day of April, 2025 after appropriate legal notice and, WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 100.211 and Article I, Section 101.2 of the regulations, the Taylorsville-Spencer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission took the following action which was to recommend the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 601 of the Taylorsville-Spencer County Zoning Regulations and, WHEREAS, the Spencer County Fiscal Court held a hearing on the 2nd day of June, 2025, after appropriate legal notice, in regard to the proposed amendment and, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Spencer County Fiscal Court (or the County of Spencer) that Article VI, Section 601 of the 2014 Spencer County Zoning Regulations are amended to read as follows: Article VI Sect. 601 Micro/Boutique Winery

The intent is to allow boutique-winery facilities which may include a tasting room or retail space to sell merchandise and wine products. A facility that produces wines not to exceed 10,000 cases annually. Any use hereunder must meet the mandatory requirements for approval set out in KRS 100.237 and the following minimum criteria:

- 1) The use and any associated use on the property shall serve wine only in accordance with the zoning requirements, state and local (ABC) Alcoholic Beverage Laws;
- 2) All processing, fermenting, production, manufacturing, and/or bottling associated with such winery shall be located within a fully enclosed building;
- 3) Outdoor storage of materials, equipment, or supplies is prohibited.
- 4) All loading and unloading areas shall be oriented away from public streets, whenever feasible;
- 5) The Owner must comply with fire safety, environmental, and health standards, such as installing sprinklers, ventilation, and wastewater treatment systems as required. a) Sanitary systems (ie.public sewer systems or septic systems) shall be used for restrooms and food service. Other waste/discharge from brewing processes must go through the Division of Water. No proecessing unapproved waste/discharge may go into septic/sewer systems.

- 6) All facilities shall be served by public water.
  - 7) The Owner must provide evidence of annual production from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau at the time of the annual inspection.
- Given first reading and approval May 5, 2025.
- Given Second reading and adoption on June 2, 2025.
- Spencer County, Kentucky ORDINANCE NO. 22 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Series**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 602 OF THE TAYLORSVILLE-SPENCER COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS REGARDING USES ALLOWED IN THE B-2, GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONE PERTAINING TO MICRO/BOUTIQUE WINERY**

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Given Second reading and adoption on June 2, 2025.

**Spencer County, Kentucky ORDINANCE NO. 23 Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Series**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VI, SECTION 603 OF THE TAYLORSVILLE-SPENCER COUNTY ZONING REGULATIONS REGARDING USES ALLOWED IN THE B-3, HEAVY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT ZONE PERTAINING TO MICRO/BOUTIQUE WINERY**

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Taylorsville-Spencer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission on the 17th day of April, 2025 after appropriate legal notice and, WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 100.211 and Article I, Section 101.2 of the regulations, the Taylorsville-Spencer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission took the following action which was to recommend the proposed amendment to Article VI, Section 603 of the TaylorsvilleSpencer County Zoning Regulations and, WHEREAS, the Spencer County Fiscal Court held a hearing on the 2nd day of June, 2025, after appropriate legal notice, in regard to the proposed amendment and, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Spencer County Fiscal Court (or the County of Spencer) that Article VI, Section 603 of the 2014 Spencer County Zoning Regulations are amended to read as follows: Article VI Sect. 603 Micro/Boutique Winery

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- 1) The use and any associated use on the property shall serve wine only in accordance with the zoning requirements, state and local (ABC) Alcoholic Beverage Laws;
  - 2) All processing, fermenting, production, manufacturing, and/or bottling associated with such winery shall be located within a fully enclosed building;
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  - 5) The Owner must comply with fire safety, environmental, and health standards, such as installing sprinklers, ventilation, and wastewater treatment systems as required. a) Sanitary systems (ie.public sewer systems or septic systems) shall be used for restrooms and food service. Other waste/discharge from brewing processes must go through the Division of Water. No processing unapproved waste/discharge may go into septic/sewer systems.
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# Kentucky health officials report four new measles cases

**PRESS RELEASE**

FRANKFORT – On June 27, Kentucky health officials announced that four new cases of measles have been reported in the common-wealth this week. Three cases are part of the same household in Woodford County, while the fourth case, involving someone known to have been exposed to measles while traveling internationally, is in Todd County and unrelated to the other three cases.

Health officials are working to identify others who may have been exposed to those infected while they were contagious. None of the four were vaccinated against measles. This marks six total measles cases reported in Kentucky this year.

These cases occur amid the largest measles outbreak in the United States since it was declared eliminated in the U.S. in 2000. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has reported more than 1,200 cases this year, including several large outbreaks in other states.

“Measles is a serious disease,” said Kentucky Department for Public Health Commissioner Dr. Steven Stack. “Fortunately, people can avoid measles through safe and effective vaccina-tions. We urge all parents to have their children vaccinated to ensure they are protected from pre-ventable diseases like measles.”

Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus that can cause serious health complications, especially in young children. Measles is spread through the air and can remain suspended in the air for up to two hours. Early symptoms of measles begin 8-12 days after exposure and include high fever, cough, runny nose and red/watery eyes. The characteristic measles rash typically appears three to five days after symptoms begin, usually on the face before spreading down to the rest of the body.

The first dose of measles vaccine is routinely administered in combination with mumps and rubella vaccine (MMR) to children at age 12 months through 15 months, and a second dose at age 4 through 6. Two doses of MMR vaccine is 97% effective against measles according to the CDC. The CDC recently issued a travel advisory to urge all people traveling outside of the United States to receive two doses of MMR vaccine if they have never had measles.

Recently, immunization rates among Kentucky’s kindergartners have declined. Results from the most recent school immunizations survey, for the 2024-2025 school year, indicate that only 86.9% of Kentucky kindergartners are fully vaccinated against measles, which is lower than the national average of 93%.

Kentucky’s first confirmed measles case of 2025 occurred in an adult resident in February. The second case occurred in March in a child who was traveling through the commonwealth when they sought treatment.

For more information about measles, visit the Kentucky Department for Public Health measles website or the CDC measles website.

# Applications open for 2026 ASA–Corteva Young Leaders Program

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If you are a soybean grower who is passionate about farming, ready to connect with ag industry leaders and grow your leadership skills, the Young Leaders Program might be for you! The Kentucky Soybean Board, along with program sponsors American Soybean Association and Corteva, is currently seeking farmers to apply for the 2026 ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leaders Program. Phase I of the 2025-26 program will take place Dec. 1-4 at Corteva’s Global Business Center in Johnston, Iowa. It continues Feb. 24-Feb. 27, 2026, in San Antonio, Texas, in conjunction with the annual Commodity Classic Convention and Trade Show. Young Leaders is one of the longest-running leadership development programs in the country, and a quick look at ag leadership right here in Kentucky will show a number of volunteer farmer-leaders who got their start in this prestigious program. Soybean growers—both individuals and couples—are encouraged to apply for the program, which focuses on leadership and communication, agriculture trends and information, and the development of a strong and connected network. The program is designed for growers who are young in leadership, not necessarily in age. Interested spouses/partners are encouraged to attend and will be active participants in all aspects of the program, even if not employed full-time on the farm. “The spouse component was really helpful for us,” said 2018 Young Leader Clay Wells of Union County, who currently serves as Vice-President of the Kentucky Soybean Association and as a director on the Kentucky Soybean Board. “My wife, Lindsey, wasn’t raised on a farm, and the program really helped her to understand my perspective better, and it helped me to see things from her point of view. Having both spouses involved is just one of the things that makes Young Leaders unique, and the program really helped us to work better as a team. I would encourage anybody who is thinking about taking on a leadership role at the county, state, or even national level to apply for Young Leaders. It made a difference for me, and I felt better equipped to serve as a board member after I went through the program. “ “Corteva is proud to support this longstanding and impactful program to help develop the next generation of grower leaders,” said U.S. Industry Affairs Leader for Corteva Agriscience Matt Rekoweg. “Not only will participants come away with new skills to increase their impact on local, state and federal policy, they’ll have the opportunity to forge meaningful connections with other current and emerging industry leaders to help unlock new opportunities and set them up for future success.”

ASA and Corteva will work with the 26 state affiliates and the Grain Farmers of Ontario to identify the top producers to represent their states as part of this program. The deadline for Kentucky farmers to apply is Monday, August 4. In-person inter-views will be conducted by a panel of farmer-leader judges shortly thereafter at the Kentucky Soybean office in Princeton. Learn more about the program and apply today by visiting soygrowers.com and selecting Young Leaders under the Resources & Education tab.

# Public health is proactive

When the Affordable Care Act went into effect in 2014 it changed the direction of public health.

As more and more Kentuckians were able to get insurance, fewer and fewer needed local health departments to cover their medical needs because they now had a source for Pri-mary Care services.

The Kaiser Family Foundation shows that only 5.6% of Kentuckians are unin-sured, and public health’s focus is now on population-based health and educa-tional initiatives.

With this model, the North Central District Health Department, which serves Henry, Shelby, Spencer and Trimble coun-ties, focuses mainly on WIC, HANDS and Harm Reduc-tion as critical programs and emphasizes education in the community to help address issues like population

health, communicable disease control and emer-gency preparedness. We are bringing services to the people, not wait-ing for them to come to our brick-and-mortar loca-tions.

North Central District is also doing work in areas of local needs like obesity, mental health awareness, substance use disorder, tobacco/vaping cessation and more.

Taking information to the community where people live, work and play helps us make information and edu-cation more accessible to all.

NCDHD wrapped up this fiscal year with a couple big community events in June – our annual Kids’ Health Fair in partnership with the Renaissance Festival in Eminence and partnering with the fishing tournament at Taylorsville Lake to provide screenings and share infor-mation on men’s health.



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In July, NCDHD will be offering and attending sev-eral events to share informa-tion, both general health department information and information more tailored to the event.

The annual Shelbyville Pop-Up Farmers’ Markets start in July, with the first event from 3-6 p.m. on Fri-day, July 11 at the Shelby County Health Department. If you miss the first one, we’ll have markets on July 25 when we expand to Simp-sonville and two more on Aug. 8 and Aug. 29 in Mar-tinsville and on Midland Blvd., respectively. We have also expanded these mar-kets into each of our coun-ties, partnering with existing successful farmers’ markets to share a variety of health department services. These educational and screening opportunities allow us to meet the public in each community, provide infor-mation on our variety of ser-vices and get feedback from community members.

These events help us fill

the essential services of public health through pro-motion, protection and pre-vention. Promoting healthy eating and nutrition helps protect the public from ob-esity, diabetes and other issues and helps prevent some long-term chronic health issues.

The Youth Gardening with a Purpose classes kicked off this year, utilizing the community garden spots at the Shelby County Health Department, the final class is on July 12. This healthy eating initiative encourages children to make healthy choices by teaching them where their food comes from and pro-motes lifelong healthy choices.

Later this month, NCDHD will be starting a Breast Cancer Coalition. The coalition, which is open to all four counties, will work to increase awareness of breast cancer, educate on the importance of getting