Kentucky's Fall Hunting Seasons Get Underway

Staff Report

Kentucky hunters are heading back to the fields and forests as the state's 2026-27 fall hunting seasons get underway.

Squirrel season opened Aug. 15, while dove season begins Sept. 1, traditionally marking the start of fall hunting for many Kentuckians. Deer archery season opens Sept. 5, followed by additional opportunities for turkey, bear, waterfowl, rabbits, quail and other game throughout the fall and winter.

Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources officials say hunters have a wide variety of opportunities this year. Approximately 300,000 hunters are expected to pursue white-tailed deer during the state's 136 days of deer hunting. The modern firearms deer season is scheduled for Nov. 14-29.

Hunters are encouraged to review current regulations, season dates, bag limits and licensing requirements before heading afield. Some proposed regulation changes are still awaiting final review and could affect seasons this fall.

The 2026-27 Kentucky Hunting and Trapping Guide, licensing information, public hunting areas and other resources are available through the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources website at fw.ky.gov.

VETERANS CORNER

DAV and VFW Still Oppose Benefit Cuts

Written by **DAV Members** | Chapter 32, Brownsville, KY

Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) continues to fight efforts in Congress to use cuts to future VA disability benefits to fund other veterans' programs. They still hold that section 108 of the, Take Care of America's Veterans Act, would reduce benefits for future disabled veterans, making it a line the DAV and VFW will not cross.

They also emphasize that Congress should not balance veteran programs on the backs of veterans who will need VA disability compensation in the future.

The DAV and VFW urge its members to contact their legislators and tell them NO to benefit cuts. Take action!

MASTER COMMISSIONER SALE

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE AND ORDER OF SALE OF THE BUTLER CIRCUIT COURT, the Master Commissioner will sell at public auction the real property in the following action on **Friday, September 18, 2026** about the hour of **10:00 a.m.** at the Courthouse Door of the Butler County Courthouse located on Main Street in Morgantown, Butler County, Kentucky. Said property shall be sold to collect the amounts hereinafter set forth, together with interest and the costs of the action, and upon the following terms and conditions (unless otherwise stated).

A. The successful purchaser may pay the purchase price in full on the date of sale OR the successful purchaser will be required to pay 10% down on the date of sale with the balance of the purchase price plus interest on said balance at the rate the judgment bears (KRS 426.705) from the date of sale with balance to be paid within 30 days of the date of sale. If the successful purchaser does not pay the purchase price in full on the day of sale, the purchaser shall execute a bond with an approved surety bearing interest at the rate the judgment bears (KRS 426.705) from the date of sale until paid which bond shall have the force and effect of a judgment. The Commissioner shall retain a lien upon the property sold as additional security. All bidders must be prepared to comply promptly with these terms.

B. The property is sold subject to the following:

a. State, County, City and School taxes payable for the entire year of 2026 and all taxes due thereafter. The Master Commissioner will make a good faith effort to obtain and pay all taxes or assessments upon the property for prior years; however, this cannot be guaranteed.
b Easement, restrictions, and covenants of record.
c. Any facts which an inspection or accurate survey of the property may disclose.
d. Any assessments for public improvements levied against the property.
e. Any applicable zoning regulations.

C. The property shall otherwise be sold free and clear of any and all right, title and interest of all parties to the action and their liens and encumbrances thereon.

D. For a more particular description of these properties, reference is made to the file on record at the Butler Circuit Clerk's Office on the second floor of the Butler County Courthouse.

E. You assume risk of loss of the property the day of the sale. Therefore, you should secure property and casualty insurance to protect your interest.

F. The Master Commissioner does not have access to the properties listed below and therefore makes no representation or warranty of any kind as to the conditions of these properties.

SALE #1

KENTUCKY HOUSING CORP vs. CHRISTOPHER OAKS, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 26-CI-00096, to collect $157,777.84 as of December 1, 2025, plus interest until paid, advances for taxes and insurance, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale.

1574 Russellville Road, Butler County, KY PVA Map #047-00-00-005.01

BEING THE SAME property conveyed to Christopher Oaks, single, by Deed dated September 27, 2023, and recorded in Deed Book 254, page 587, in the Office of the Butler County Court Clerk's Office.

HON. SEPTTIMOUS TAYLOR, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SALE #2

MOVEMENT MORTGAGE, LLC vs. EDDIE NEIGHBORS, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 26-CI-00086, to collect $222,978.32 as of June 30, 2026, plus interest until paid, advances for taxes and insurance, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale.

3334 Oak Ridge Road, Morgantown, Butler County, KY PVA Map#081-00-00-010.01

BEING THE SAME property conveyed from James D. Embry and Deanna Embry, husband and wife, to Stacia Neighbors and Eddie Neighbors, wife and husband, by Deed dated May 28, 2021 and recorded in Deed Book 245, Page 53, records of the Butler County Court Clerk's Office.

HON. VERONICA L. STEWART, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

SALE #3

MORTAGE RESEARCH CENTER, LLC vs. ROGER L. LESTER, et al., pending in Butler Circuit Court, 25-CI-00200, to collect $79,470.58 as of January 30, 2026, plus interest until paid, advances for taxes and insurance, reasonable attorney fees, the court costs herein expended, and the expenses of the sale.

948 Arnold Ridge Road, Morgantown, Butler County, KY PVA Map #011-00-00-019.04

Being the same property conveyed from Kenny McPherson, unmarried, by and through his power of attorney, Bobby McPherson, to Roger L. Lester, unmarried, in fee simple by virtue of a Deed dated February 26, 2021 and recorded February 26, 2021 at Deed Book 243, Page 638 of the Butler County, Kentucky real estate records.

HON. VERONICA L. STEWART, ATTORNEY FOR THE PLAINTIFF

This the 27th day of May, 2026   Samantha Short Miller, Butler County Master Commissioner

CITY OF MORGANTOWN, KY
Ordinance 2026-06
ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2019-08
AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A ONE PERCENT (1%) TRANSIENT ROOM TAX

WHEREAS, the City of Morgantown has established the City of Morgantown Tourism and Convention Commission pursuant to the provisions of KRS 91A.350 and it being necessary that a 1% transient room tax be created for the purpose of funding the tourist and convention commission.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF MORGANTOWN, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

1. There is hereby imposed and levied a transient room tax of 1% of the rent for every occupancy of a suite, room, or rooms, cabins, lodgings, campsites, or other accommodations charged by all persons, companies, corporations, or other like or similar persons, groups or organizations doing business as motor courts, motels, hotels, inns, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks, or like or similar businesses or any person that facilitates the rental of the accommodations by brokering, coordinating, or in any other way arranging for the rental of the accommodations. The room tax imposed by this ordinance shall not apply to the following leasing arrangements:
    a. The rental or leasing of an apartment occupied by an individual or business that regularly holds itself as exclusively providing apartments for the purpose of this ordinance, apartment means a room or set of rooms in an apartment building or other multifamily structure fitted with a kitchen and usually leased as a dwelling for a minimum of 30 days or more in zoned, or conditionally permitted, lot that is in compliance with all applicable planning and zoning regulations permitting apartment living;
    b. Payment for lodging made by a 501(c)(3) charitable organization or a tax-exempt church;
    c. Payment for lodging for no more than 90 days made to the business by a verified resident of Morgantown, Kentucky, who has been displaced from their usual home by natural disaster or fire.
2. All persons, firms organizations, corporations or other like or similar persons, groups or organizations doing business as motor courts, motels, hotels, inns, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campgrounds, recreational vehicle parks, or other like or similar businesses or any person that facilitates the rental of the accommodations by brokering, coordinating, or in any other way arranging for the rental of the accommodations shall collect and pay the 1% transient room tax to the City of Morgantown on a quarterly basis on or before the 15th of the next month immediately following the quarter in which the transient room taxes are collected and at the same time shall file a return on a form provided by the City of Morgantown for such purposes.
3. All moneys collected pursuant to KRS 91A.390 and KRS 91A.400 shall be maintained in an account separate and unique from all other funds and revenues collected and shall be considered tax revenue for the purposes of KRS 68.100 and KRS 92.330.
4. The Mayor of the City of Morgantown, or his/her duly authorized agents are empowered to examine the books, paper, and records of any person, firm, organization, corporation or other like or similar business required to file a return Such examination shall be permitted in order to determine the accuracy of any return made, or if no return was made to determine the amount of the transient room tax due and owing.
5. Any transient room tax imposed herein remaining unpaid after the same becomes due shall bear interest at the rate of 12% annum, and the person from whom the room tax is due shall further be charged a penalty of 10% of the amount of the unpaid tax. In addition, any person who shall fail, neglect or refuse to properly complete and file a return as required herein or pay the tax imposed or any portion thereof shall be subject of a fine of not less than $25.00 nor more than $100.00 for each day that said payment is late, or imprisonment in the county jail for not more than 30 days, or both fine and imprisonment. Each day of non-compliance shall constitute a separate offence.
6. The City shall be entitled to a lien upon any property owned or leased by any person, firm or corporation who is delinquent in the payment of the tax due to the city after thirty (30) days or upon the property in which the motor court, hotel, or motel, inn, tourist camp, tourist cabin, campgrounds, recreational vehicle park, or any other place in which accommodations are regularly furnished to transients for consideration is located by filing a notice of lien with the Butler County Court Clerk's Office. The City shall be entitled to recover all of its costs and expenses, including attorney's fees, incurred in connection with the collection of any delinquent taxes. The City may revoke or suspend the business license of any hotel or motel delinquent in the payment of the tax due to the City after thirty (30) days.
7. This ordinance shall be in conjunction with any existing transient room tax.
8. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication, and the 1% transient tax imposed shall commence on the 1st day of January, 2020.

Billy Phelps, Mayor
Attest: Allie Lee, City Clerk