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Carpet beetles in your home

While they are not as scary as cockroaches, as prolific as ants or as dangerous as wasps, trust us when we say that you do not want carpet beetles moving into your house. Though small and innocuous, carpet beetles will eat away at your carpets, rugs and upholstery. So, while you are deep cleaning this summer, be sure to check for carpet beetles.

Carpet beetles, like most pests, thrive in areas where they can find consistent sources of food, water and shelter. Unlike other pests, which are attracted to food sources, carpet beetles rely on opportunity. So, if you accidentally give them access to your home — whether through an open window or via second-hand furniture — and they find something they like, you better believe they are moving in. As their name suggests, these tiny bugs often take up residence in carpets and other fabrics. According to the University of Kentucky College of Agriculture, carpet beetles are small, oval-shaped insects that vary in color depending on the type, which can, in turn, depend on your region. Many carpet beetles appear speckled brown, but you can also find carpet beetles in red, orange, black and other hues.

Carpet beetle larvae are usually about one-eighth of an inch long, tan and covered in hairy bristles. Unfortunately, they reproduce at a high rate, and

their size can make them hard to spot in the egg and larva stages. Since adults feed on pollen and nectar, bringing cut flowers into a home can introduce carpet beetles. Leaving windows open or having damaged screens allows beetles to easily enter your home. Items purchased at yard sales might have carpet beetles attached.

Carpet beetles tend to thrive in dark, undisturbed areas where they can go unnoticed. Common hiding spots include closets, attics, behind baseboards and beneath furniture. These areas often contain fabrics and organic materials larvae feed on, such as wool, silk, leather and fur. Carpet beetles frequently choose to lay their eggs inside the nests of birds, bees, wasps or other animals and can live in walls or chimneys of your home.

Carpet beetles prefer to feed on dirty materials, and especially enjoy fabrics that

are soiled with food, sweat or body oils. Failing to clean dirty clothing or fabrics gives larvae an ideal food source. Neglected carpets and rugs are also heaven for carpet beetles, so be sure to vacuum regularly.

You can tell you have carpet beetles by looking for several key signs, including damage to fabrics like wool, irregular holes in clothing, and the presence of adult beetles near windows. You might



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Bagworm Control Begins Now

Bagworm season is upon us in Kentucky. Depending on where you live, the hatching could have occurred anywhere from just in the last few days to a couple of weeks ago. If you want to monitor for their emergence, you can use this handy emergence map made through the National Phenology Network here: <https://www.usanpn.org/data/forecasts/Bagworm>

DESCRIPTION, DAMAGE & HOSTS

An adult bagworm is a moth, but the destructive stage is the caterpillar. Unlike other caterpillars that you can see out in the open and feeding, the bagworm wears a tactical stealth sleeping bag that helps to camouflage it.

The caterpillar creates the bag from silk it can produce itself and from the materials they find in their surroundings. This means that they can have pine needles, cut off chunks of leaves, even fruiting bodies attached to the bag. Some clients that spot the bag are confused at the number of pinecones or seed pods in their tree, not knowing their plant has been invaded.

Bagworms are most commonly found in evergreen trees and shrubs but also can



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infest deciduous trees. Some favorite hosts are arborvitae, juniper, pine, red cedar, and locust trees. Their damage causes defoliation but also bronzing in evergreens. While bagworm damage in one season is not usually enough to kill a plant, successive years of infestation and damage can prove deadly.

INSECT DEVELOPMENT

Bagworms overwinter as eggs inside of their mother's bag. As the season progresses, the eggs accumulate degree days. Every day at or above a certain temperature counts as a degree day or

days towards hatching.

Once they reach their magic number (between 600 and 900 growing degree days), the eggs will hatch. After this, the caterpillars might re-infest the same plant that they were born in or they may "balloon" away to a new site. This means the caterpillar will crawl to the tip of a leaf and release a silk strand that catches the wind to help it find a new place to settle. Kite surfing baby caterpillar pioneers could have whizzed by you very recently! Their bags start small, but if you are paying close attention in spring, you can spot them.

As the summer progresses, bagworms will consume leaves around them to expand their bag. Eventually the bag will reach about 1.5 to 2 inches long. The caterpillar can be seen poking its head out of the bag and feeding. If disturbed, it will withdraw inside the bag and are difficult to extract.

By the end of the summer, the caterpillar will pupate and males will emerge as moths that flutter around looking for females. Females never fully become what we recognize as a moth. They are wingless and never leave the bag. They release a

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ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-08

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 00-18, KNOWN AS THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE, AND ALTERING THE ZONING MAP TO REFLECT SAID AMENDMENT, BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT MADE BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, AND BASED ON SAID BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION OF A ZONE CHANGE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY:

That Ordinance No. 00-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance, Somerset, Kentucky, is hereby amended by altering the Zoning Map in the following manner:


I. By showing a boundary of land presently not zoned due to being annexed into the City to B2, said properties being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference, located at Undeveloped Property off of S Hwy 27, Somerset, Kentucky, and being a portion of PVA Parcel# 062-1-0-65.

II. The City Clerk of the City of Somerset, Kentucky is hereby authorized to alter the Zoning Map to reflect said changes.

III. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after adoption and publication according to law.

FIRST READING MAY 11, 2026
SECOND READING JUNE 8, 2026

Approved: 
Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-09

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 00-18, KNOWN AS THE CITY'S ZONING ORDINANCE, AND ALTERING THE ZONING MAP TO REFLECT SAID AMENDMENT, BASED ON THE FINDINGS OF FACT MADE BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD, AND BASED ON SAID BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION OF A ZONE CHANGE;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY:

That Ordinance No. 00-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance, Somerset, Kentucky, is hereby amended by altering the Zoning Map in the following manner:


I. By changing a boundary of land presently zoned RI to R3 & RIA, said properties being more particularly described in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein in full by reference, located on Undeveloped Property on Darling Way Somerset, Kentucky, and having PVA Parcel#: 061-0-0-12.

II. The City Clerk of the City of Somerset, Kentucky is hereby authorized to alter the Zoning Map to reflect said changes.

III. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after adoption and publication according to law.

FIRST READING MAY 11, 2026
SECOND READING JUNE 8, 2026

Approved: 
Mayor

Attest: 
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-07

AN ORDINANCE TO THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY, ANNEXING BY CONSENT PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED BELOW AND IN ATTACHMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE, ATTACHMENTS INCORPORATED IN FULL BY REFERENCE HEREIN, AND

WHEREAS, ANNEXATION REQUEST FORMS IIA VE BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PROPERTY OWNER(S), AND THE FORMS HA VE BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE CITY AS COMPLETED; AND THE PROPERTY OWNERS EACH HA YING WAIVED THE SIXTY (60) DAY WAITING PERIOD, BY AND THROUGH THE ANNEXATION REQUEST FORM, SIGNED BY THE OWNER AND/OR AN AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE OWNER AND INCORPORATED IN FULL HEREIN BY REFERENCE, AND MADE PART OF THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS ORDINANCE; AND

WHEREAS, ALL DOCUMENTS AND RECORDS NEEDED TO PROCEED WITH ANNEXATION OF THE PROPERTIES INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET; AND

WIHEREAS, TIIS DOCUMENT WAS SENT TO THE JUDGE EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY ATTORNEY OF PULASKI COUNTY AFTER THE FIRST READING AS NOTICE UNDER 23 REGULAR SESSION SENATE BILL 141; AND

WHEREAS, THE PROPERTIES MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR ANNEXATION AS SET FORTH IN KRS AND ALL OTHER APPLICABLE LAW. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY:


SECTION 1. THAT THE PROPERTIES DESCRIBED BELOW IN ATTACHMENTS HERETO AND BELOW ARE HEREBY ANNEXED INTO THE CITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS: EXHIBIT A THE DELINEATED LAND COMPRISING A TRACT OF LAND .514 ACRES SHOWN ON ANNEXATION MAP TITLED "ANNEXATION PLAT, CITY OF SOMERSET, 0.514 ACRES ALONG STONEGATE DRIVE, SOMERSET, KY" DATED 3/31/2026 BY AGE ENGINEERING SERVICES. THE PROPERTY IS PARTIALLY IMPROVED LAND ON THE ON THE EAST SIDE OF HWY 27 ON STONEGATE DRIVE NEXT TO UCB BANK. PART OF PARCEL PVA 062-1-0-65.

SECTION 2. THE PROPERTY IS UNIMPROVED AND WILL BEANNEXED AS RL UNLESS A RECOMMENDATION COMES FROM PLANNING AND ZONING. A RECOMMENDATION OF COMMERCIAL ZONING IS EXPECTED.

SECTION 3. NOTICE TO PULASKI COUNTY FISCAL COURT WAS GIVEN AFTER THE FIRST READING AND 45 DAYS BEFORE THE SECOND READING.

SECTION 4. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER ITS PASSAGE AND UPON PUBLICATION BY LAW.

FIRST READING: APRIL 13, 2026
SECOND READING: JUNE 8, 2026 (NOT BEFORE MAY 28TH, 2026)

APPROVED: 
ALAN L. KECK, MAYOR
CITY OF SOMERSET, KY

ATTESTED: 
NICK BRADLEY, CITY CLERK