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PUBLIC FORUM NOTICE

OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THE UPDATING OF THE EDMONSON COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN

The Edmonson County Steering Committee and the Barren River Area Development District will be conducting a public forum concerning the update of the Goals and Objectives of the Edmonson County Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. This plan identifies natural and human-caused hazards that may impact our communities and outlines strategies to reduce risks, protect lives and strengthen community resilience. Adoption of this plan also helps participating jurisdictions maintain eligibility for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance funding opportunities. The hearing will be held on Thursday October 29th, 2026, at the Edmonson County Fairgrounds (3223 Veteran's Memorial Highway, Brownsville, KY 42210) between 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. CST, (6:00 – 7:00 p.m. EST). The current plan can be viewed at planning.bradd.org.

Residents of Edmonson County are encouraged to drop by to comment on their views and opinions. Comments can be made orally and/or in writing. If you cannot attend, written comments can be made to Judge Lindsey, P.O. Box 353, Brownsville, KY 42210 on or before Thursday October 29th, 2026.

This event is sponsored by the Barren River Area Development District (BRADD) as part of a federal requirement for regional councils of government to create and update the CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy). The Edmonson County Planning Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion or disability, and provide, upon request, reasonable accommodation, including auxiliary aids and services, to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in all services, programs, and activities. Any persons requiring special needs assistance should contact Judge Lindsey at 270-597-2819 at least two days prior to the meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Edmonson County Fiscal Court hereby announces that it has held its first reading of EC26-26, which is an Ordinance relating to reducing the speed limit on C White aRoad from 35 mph to 25 mph.

THIS ORDINANCE shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication. This ordinance was adopted pursuant to KRS67.077 in that it was introduced and read first on September 28, 2026

The second reading and adoption of the ordinance will be on October 26th at the Fiscal Court meeting at the Edmonson County Courthouse at 4:00 p.m.

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ORDINANCE # 09-26A

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2027 ON MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY, ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF CALENDAR YEAR 2027 ASSESSED VALUATION: 13¢

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE:

SECTION ONE: THAT FOR THE PURPOSES OF SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE, AND THE PAYMENT OF ITS DEBTS AND EXPENSES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2027 THERE BE AND HEREBY ARE LEVIED AD VALOREM TAXES ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ASSESSED VALUATION OF ALL TAXABLE MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY, AS FOLLOWS:
13¢

SECTION TWO: THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF ITS PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION, AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

PASSED LEGISLATIVE BODY: 10/5/26

/s/ RICKY SIMON, MAYOR
ATTEST:
LORI BURNETT, CITY CLERK/TREASURER

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consequences for other services.”

HB 557 takes a broader approach. The legislation would encourage counties to establish or participate in regional jail systems, change how counties are reimbursed for certain felony pretrial detainees and establish a new model for housing state inmates in county facilities.

Meredith said regional cooperation and greater state participation could help counties operate more efficiently while maintaining appropriate standards for those in custody.

“This is about finding a better way to use taxpayer dollars,” Meredith said. “If there are opportunities to share resources, reduce duplication and operate more efficiently, we should be willing to look at them. At the same time, we have to make sure public safety remains at the center of every decision we make.”

During the committee discussion,

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lawmakers examined issues including jail medical costs, regional jail operations, pretrial detention, state responsibility for inmates and the role of elected jailers.

Meredith stressed that the legislation is a starting point, not a finished product, and encouraged members of the committee and local officials to continue offering ideas.

“We are not coming into this conversation believing we have every answer,” Meredith said. “But we do know the current system is putting a growing burden on county taxpayers, and we have a responsibility to address it. Doing nothing is not a fiscally responsible option.”

The interim discussion is part of the General Assembly’s ongoing work to identify practical, responsible solutions to challenges facing Kentucky communities before the 2027 Regular Session begins.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Edmonson County Water District (“District”) plans to file with the Public Service Commission on or before Sept 28, 2026, to adjust certain recurring charges. The proposed effective date is November 2, 2026. The proposed changes are as follows:

MISCELLANEOUS FEE

There shall be added to the customer’s bill, listed as a separate line item, an amount equal to any fee, tax, assessment, etc., now or hereafter imposed by local legislative authorities on active customers of Edmonson County Water District whether by ordinance, franchise or other means. Such amount shall be added exclusively to bills of customers receiving service within the territorial limits of the authority imposing the fee.

Where more than one such fee is imposed, each of the charges applicable to each customer shall be added to the customer’s bill and listed as separate line items.

Where the local legislative authority imposes a flat, fixed amount on active customers of Edmonson County Water District, the fee applied to the bills of customers receiving service within the territorial boundaries of the authority, shall be in the form of a flat dollar amount.

The amount of such fee added to the customer’s bill shall be determined in accordance with the terms of the ordinance, franchise or other directive agreed to by Edmonson County Water District.

- Any person may examine this tariff filing at the District office located at 1128 KY-259, Brownsville, KY 42210; telephone (270) 597-2165.
- Any person may examine this tariff filing at the PSC located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, Kentucky, Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm or on the PSC website at <http://psc.ky.gov>; telephone (502) 564-3940.
- Any person may submit comments regarding this tariff filing by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602; or through its website at <http://pscky.gov>.
- The recurring charge contained in this notice are the recurring charges passed by Fiscal Court Ordinance EC26-23 on 8-31 2026.
- Any person may submit a timely written request for intervention by mail to the Public Service Commission, Post Office Box 615, Frankfort, KY 40602. The request for intervention must establish the grounds for the request including the status and interest of the party.
- If the PSC does not receive a written request for intervention within thirty (30) days of the initial publication or mailing of notice, the PSC may take final action on the tariff filing.



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ORDINANCE # 09-26B

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING CITY OF BROWNSVILLE AD VALOREM TAXES FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7-1-26 THROUGH 6-30-27 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE TAXING JURISDICTION OF THE CITY, ON EACH ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) OF CALENDAR YEAR 2026 ASSESSED VALUATION AS FOLLOWS: ON REAL PROPERTY: .0530 ON PERSONAL PROPERTY: .0606 INCLUDING REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES, EXCEPT MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT, ON UNMANUFACTURED PRODUCTS NOT IN THE HANDS OF THE PRODUCER OR THE AGENT OF THE PRODUCER: .0606.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BROWNSVILLE:

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- A. REAL PROPERTY: .0530, INCLUDING REAL PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ASSESSED VALUATION, EXCEPT MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT.
- B. PERSONAL PROPERTY: .0606, INCLUDING PERSONAL PROPERTY OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES ON THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ASSESSED VALUATION, EXCEPT MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT.
- C. UNMANUFACTURED PRODUCTS NOT IN THE HANDS OF THE PRODUCER OR THE AGENT OF THE PRODUCER: .0606.

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/s/ RICKY SIMON, MAYOR
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