

# Praying for our enemies

A couple years ago, I believe the name of the terrorist group was "ISIS" who were creating atrocities in the world on innocent people. And many times we feel so hopeless and helpless with these events, and we pray for the victims and their families, who so desperately need God's intervention. But the world and its problems are so big and far away, I said to myself, "What can I do? What should I do?" I wanted to do more, and that is when the Holy Spirit gave me an answer. Pray a prayer — let's say an "Our Father and a Hail Mary" — for only one member of ISIS at a time to convert to Catholicism. So each day I would pray and let the Holy



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Spirit do the choosing, and this went on for more than three months. One afternoon, I was walking through the living room and the TV was on with the news. I was not planning on watching it, so I continued on my way, when something caught my ear. There was no one in the room, so I yelled to the family, "Get in here quick!" They were there in a flash to hear what a fascinating story was for us. The

news reporter on location in the war zone, was conveying the story that approximately 100 ISIS terrorists had broken away from their comrades, laid down their guns, and converted to Christianity. Thank you, Holy Spirit! Around the world, the Catholic Church prays in unison for world peace and especially in war torn countries. Let us pray for one Hamas soldier, chosen by the Holy Spirit, to convert to the Catholic Church. Jesus, Mary, and Saint Joseph!  
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# ECTC earns Military Friendly School Gold designation

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Military Friendly has recognized Elizabethtown Community and Technical College as a 2026-2027 Military Friendly School with Gold level status in acknowledgment of the college's commitment to serving veterans, active-duty military members and their families.

In addition to the Military Friendly School Gold designation, ECTC received recognition as a Military Friendly Spouse School, highlighting the college's support for military spouses pursuing higher education,

training and career advancement.

The Military Friendly School designation is awarded to colleges and universities using both public data sources and responses to an organizational survey measuring student success and other key factors.

"With affordable tuition, transfer pathways and flexible learning options designed to fit students' busy schedules, ECTC is a great choice for military-connected students," said Director of Military and Veteran Services Tabbi Stutzenberger. "From navigating military education benefits to specialized aca-

demical advising, ECTC offers a full scope of services to support

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Owensboro through education, youth development, community care, and civic partnership, and the new center continues that shared commitment.

"Kentucky Wesleyan College is proud to become the new home for this project," said Dr. James Cousins, president of Kentucky Wesleyan College. "The College and the YMCA are joined by missions and compelled by many of the same purposes: service, education, family support, and the long-term health of our community. This agreement is the result of many hours of careful consideration and work by so many people."

Cousins added, "I am grateful to Tom Bontrager, Scott Kramer, and, of course, to our Board of Trustees for helping bring us to this point. We are enthusiastic about the project and look forward to seeing it take flight in the coming months."

The school-age childhood center is also part of a broader, long-term vision for Kentucky Wesleyan's campus and its place in the Owensboro community.

"This project belongs within a larger development plan for our campus," Cousins said. "As Kentucky Wesleyan adds amenities and features that strengthen the College, we also strengthen Owensboro. Those plans are still being developed, but this early childhood center is an important part of that larger vision. It represents the kind of campus growth that serves our students, our neighbors, and the city we call home."

"We are incredibly grateful to Kentucky Wesleyan College for their support in addressing one of the most significant needs facing working families in Owensboro today," said Tom Bontrager, president and CEO of the Owensboro Family YMCA. "Access to affordable, high-quality school-age childcare remains a challenge for many families, and this partnership will help us expand services and create more opportunities for children to learn, grow, and thrive. We are proud to continue expanding our relationship with Kentucky Wesleyan College and working together to strengthen our community for generations to come."

"This is an exciting opportunity for Kentucky Wesleyan College," stated Scott Kramer, Chief of Staff and VP of Operations of Kentucky Wesleyan College. "The college has not been able to offer childcare services on campus since 2000. Our two main objectives when considering this project were to protect the iconic front lawn of the Administration Building and to save as many trees as possible on the Scherm Road side of campus. We will accomplish both initiatives and add childcare to campus. This is a true partnership with the YMCA and a huge addition for Owensboro and Daviess County."

Additional details about the project, including timeline, site preparation, and program plans, will be announced as they are finalized.

# LEGAL NOTICE

## ORDINANCE 6-8-26 AMENDING ORDINANCE 6-9-25 OF THE CITY OF CANEYVILLE, KY SEWER RATES

WHEREAS, it has been deemed necessary to amend the current city sewer rates, last set forth in Ordinance 6-9-25, to adequately maintain and fund sewer operations in the city.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CANEYVILLE, KENTUCKY, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION A. AMENDMENT OF EXISTING RATE ORDINANCE. That the Existing Rate Ordinance passed and adopted on June 9, 2025 is hereby amended by the deletion of the interlined text and the addition of the underlined text as follows:

### PART 1. MONTHLY SEWER SERVICE

Sewer charges will consist of a monthly base charge depending on the size of the water meter serving the premise or quantity of use PLUS a treatment charge per 1,000 gallons of water used.

Water Size and Usage	BASE SERVICE CHARGE	
	EXISTING RATES 6-9-2025	NEW RATES EFFECTIVE AS FOLLOWS: 07/01/2026

5/8 x 3/4" Meters Serving Single Unit*	\$13-80	\$ 14.49
3/4" Meters Regardless of Use	23-28	24.45
1" Meters Regardless of Use	80-73	84.77
1-1/4 Meters Regardless of Use	100-55	105.58
1-1/2" Meters Regardless of Use	159-08	167.04
2" Meters Regardless of Use -	263-52	276.70
3" Meters Regardless of Use	394-07	413.78
4" Meters Regardless of Use -	558-94	586.89
6" Meters Regardless of Use	655-19	687.95

\*City shall impose Base Service Charge of \$ \$13-80, \$14.49 or current rate per month for each residential or commercial unit receiving service from a single meter.

### TREATMENT CHARGE

Per 1,000 Gal. of Water Use	\$4.89	\$5.14
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Given 1 reading on May 11, 2026  
Passed and adopted on June 08, 2026

Attest:  
Connie Gootee, City Clerk

James P. Embry, Mayor

# LEGAL NOTICE

## Ordinance 2026-11

### AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message have been prepared and delivered to the City Council of the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, by the Mayor of the city; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed the said budget proposal and budget message and made all modifications which were deemed appropriate;

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

1. That the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, is hereby adopted as follows:

## City of Leitchfield/Leitchfield Utilities/Leitchfield Tourism Proposed Budget Ordinance

Projected Cash at June 30, 2026 Revenue	Approved 6/3/26		Approved 5/21/26		Approved 5/26/26	
	General Fund 2027	Utility Fund 2027	Tourism Fund 2027	General Fund 2027	Utility Fund 2027	Tourism Fund 2027
	\$ 11,617,153	\$ 11,460,936	\$ 1,861,077			
Net Profits Returns		895,000				
Occupational Taxes		3,050,000				
Property Taxes		1,023,500				
Insurance License Taxes		1,290,000				
Franchise Taxes		375,000				
ABC Application & Regulatory Fees		266,000				
Other Licenses		1,350				
Restaurant Taxes		1,200,000			1,200,000	
Transfer of Restaurant Taxes		(1,200,000)				
Hotel Taxes		10,000				10,000
Transfer of Hotel Taxes		(10,000)				
Mineral Severance Income		25,000				
Rental Income		54,000				
Other Revenue		143,350				
Interest Income		201,000				
Sale of Property		38,500				
Grant Income		379,200				1,550
HB 413 / Base Court Revenue		10,300				
Incentive Pay		81,600				
IDC Contributions		-				
Fire Runs		-				
Grayson County Fire Dues		148,150				
State Aid - Fire Department		15,000				
P&Z/Code Enforcement Permits & Fees		7,600				
Municipal Road Aid		119,000				
Garbage Pick Up Fees		1,667,000				
Solid Waste Dumping Fees		1,415,000				
Recycling Fees		10,000				
Animal Shelter/Animal Control Revenue		100,300				
Parks & Recreational Income		244,850				
Healthplex Center		-				
Water Sales				2,536,000		
Sewer Sales				1,809,850		
Gas Sales				3,384,950		
Grant Income				1,218,550		
Tourism Other Income						47,400
Tourism Aquatic Center Revenue						284,500
<b>Total Current Year Revenue</b>	<b>11,560,700</b>	<b>8,949,350</b>	<b>1,543,450</b>			
<b>Total Revenue &amp; Carryforward</b>	<b>23,177,853</b>	<b>20,410,286</b>	<b>3,404,527</b>			
<b>Expenditures</b>						
General and Administrative		3,020,950				
Alcohol Beverage Control		392,100				
Industrial Development		114,000				
Police Department		2,620,725				
Fire Department		1,399,205				
Planning & Zoning/Code Enforcement		390,600				
Public Works Department		5,600,560				
Animal Shelter/Animal Control		587,260				
Parks & Recreation		1,234,100				
Water				4,003,425		
Sewer				2,700,500		
Gas				3,185,925		
Capital Improvements				2,755,000		
Tourism						1,201,750
Tourism Aquatic Center						1,081,600
<b>Total Current Year Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 15,359,500</b>	<b>\$ 12,644,850</b>	<b>\$ 2,283,350</b>			
<b>Current Year Net Income (Loss)</b>	<b>\$ (3,798,800)</b>	<b>\$ (3,695,500)</b>	<b>\$ (739,900)</b>			
<b>Adjustment for Non-Cash Budget Items (Depr)</b>		<b>\$ 1,665,000</b>				
<b>Projected Ending Cash Balance with Carryforward</b>	<b>\$ 7,818,353</b>	<b>\$ 9,430,436</b>	<b>\$ 1,121,177</b>			

2. That this Ordinance shall be in effect as of July 1, 2026, and remain in effect, unless sooner amended, until June 30, 2027.

ADOPTED, this the 3rd day of June 2026 after first having been read on the 1st day of June 2026.

Clerk Attest:

*Lori Woosley*  
Lori Woosley, City Clerk

*Harold Miller*  
Harold Miller, Mayor