

# Take it to God through prayer and faith

Troubles — we all have them. They are everywhere. King David found he could not get away from his. He desired wings like a dove



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so he could fly away and escape his troubles. "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove. I would fly away and be at rest" (Psalm 55:6). What he really needed was an eagle that he could run and not be weary, walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31). How do you get eagle wings? The answer is in Psalm 55:16-17. "But I call to God, and the Lord saves me. Evening, morning and noon I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice." When we call upon the Lord and cast our burdens upon him, He will help us

overcome. "Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you ..." (Psalm 55:22).

We can't fly beyond our troubles, because there are troubles everywhere. But we can fly above them. We can go into God's house, call upon Him, and He enables us to face our troubles (55:16). "But I call to God ... and He hears my voice."

When trouble comes, our first thought is to run away from life. Jonah is our example of one who ran when God called him. He didn't want to preach to the Ninevites, so he fled. He finally learned you can't run far enough or fast enough to escape God.

Have you ever felt that you wanted to run away from life? Sure, we all have. There are at least three ways many try to run away today.

First, literally. Some like the Prodigal Son pack

up and leave. His response is as old as Adam.

Others, chemically —

through drugs and alcohol. These can put you in

another world quickly. The

cost of the ticket is expensive.

Then, some try suicide.

They find life unbearable

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## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF APPROVED ORDINANCE**

The Falmouth City Council has approved the following Ordinance entitled as follows:

**FALMOUTH CITY COUNCIL  
ORDINANCE NO: 2026:8**

**An ordinance of and by the Falmouth City Council laying out regulations, guidelines and penalties for dealing with Right-of-Way Encroachment and Construction Permit policy.**

This Ordinance provides for, among other things, the process by which individuals, governmental agencies and utilities may obtain access to city roads and to perform work upon the right-of-way of any city road. The Ordinance provides for the process of obtaining permits for said work and the associated fees. The Ordinance sets forth requirements which must be met for excavation, safety and drainage. The Ordinance also addresses restrictions for entrances and related roadway modifications. The Ordinance also provides for the method of enforcement and penalties for violations of its provisions.

A full copy of the approved Ordinance is available for inspection at the Falmouth City Hall, 230 Main St, Falmouth, Kentucky.

The Ordinance was considered for passage at the meeting of the Falmouth City Council at 7:00 pm on September 17, 2026 in the Falmouth City Council Meeting Room at 230 Main St, Falmouth, Kentucky. The Ordinance was unanimously approved at this meeting.



## LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LEITCHFIELD, KENTUCKY

REQUIRING ELECTRONIC RECORDKEEPING BY OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PAWN SHOPS AND PAWNBROKERS

DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY

WHEREAS, in order to maintain an accurate and efficient system for inputting Pawnbroker records and information for law enforcement purposes, there is a substantial need for local law enforcement officers to access such records electronically on a daily reporting basis;

WHEREAS, the requirement to maintain such a system promotes the safety and welfare of the citizens of the city of Leitchfield;

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

PAWNBROKERS.

I. Definition(s): the following defined terms shall be applied within this ordinance.

Pawnbroker - shall be considered as any person who loans money on deposit of personal property; deals in the purchase of personal property on condition of selling the property back again at a stipulated price; makes a public display at his/her place of business of the sign generally used by pawnbrokers to denote their business; or who publicly exhibits a sign advertising money to loan on personal property or deposit per KRS 226.010.

II. The following requirements shall be complied with by those pawnbrokers doing business within the City of Leitchfield.

SECTION 1. In addition to complying with any related state laws including but not limited to KRS 226.010 to 226.990, pawnbrokers shall keep a record of all purchases including other than pawned items. Said records shall be transmitted electronically to the City of Leitchfield Police Department within twenty-four (24) hours of receipt of any goods purchased.

SECTION 2. That each and every owner or operator of a pawn shop or pawnbroker doing business in the City of Leitchfield, Kentucky shall within thirty (30) days of the adoption of this ordinance, maintain an electronic inventory tracking system which is capable of delivery and transmission of all statutorily-required information via computer to the entity designated by the Leitchfield Police Department.

SECTION 3. The Police Department shall enter into an agreement with Leads on Line which operates an electronic database for law enforcement agencies for the purpose of identifying stolen merchandise and person suspected of the thefts.

SECTION 4. That the owner or operator of a pawn shop or pawnbroker will be required to upload the information to the entity designated by the Leitchfield Police Department within 24 hours of receipt of the goods purchased (pawned).

SECTION 5. That the failure on the part of any owner or operator of a pawn shop or pawnbroker to comply with the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed a misdemeanor. Upon conviction, the offender shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty-five and 00/100 Dollars (\$25.00) for each separate offense. Each day of noncompliance with this Ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

SECTION 6. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 7. That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase, or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

This ordinance is hereby duly enacted on this the 21st day of September, 2026 having first been read before the Leitchfield City Council on the 8th day of September, 2026,

SAID ORDINANCE TO BE EFFECTIVE UPON PUBLICATION.

HAROLD MILLER, MAYOR

ATTESTED TO:

LORI WOOSLEY, CITY CLERK



# LEGAL NOTICE

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Honorable Mayor and Commissioners  
City of Caneyville, Kentucky  
Caneyville, Kentucky

**Report or the Finance Statements**

**Opinion**

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the government activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the gggregate remaining fund information of the City of Caneyville, Kentucky as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise the City of Caneyville, Kentucky (City)'s basic financial statement as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Caneyville, Kentucky as of June 30, 2025 and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Basis for Opinions**

We conductd our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirement relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

**Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparig the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

**Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conduted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonsableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- Conclude whether in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

**Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United Stats of America require that the budgetary comparison information, pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) schedules, and notes to require supplementary information on pages 31 through 39 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statement, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accpeted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has not presented the Management Discussion and Analysis that governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

**Supplementary information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary informatio shown on pages 40 through 43. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedurs including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

**Other Rorting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 22, 2026 on our consideration of City of Caneyville, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering City of Caneyville, Kentucky's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Drane & Company, PLLC*  
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Certified Public Accountants

| BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE<br>FIRE DEPARTMENT FUND<br>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 |                  |                   |                   |                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                           | Budget Amount    |                   | Actual            | Variance from<br>Final Budget<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|                                                                                           | Original         | Final             |                   |                                                             |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                                                           |                  |                   |                   |                                                             |
| Donations                                                                                 | -                | \$ 575            | \$ 575            | -                                                           |
| Interest income                                                                           | -                | \$ 50             | \$ 68             | \$ 18                                                       |
| Intergovernmental revenue                                                                 | \$ 11,000        | \$ 14,509         | \$ 18,000         | \$ 3,491                                                    |
| Miscellaneous                                                                             | \$ 67,000        | \$ 87,475         | \$ 86,145         | \$ (1,330)                                                  |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                                                     | <b>\$ 78,000</b> | <b>\$ 102,609</b> | <b>\$ 104,788</b> | <b>\$ 2,179</b>                                             |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                                                       |                  |                   |                   |                                                             |
| Current:                                                                                  |                  |                   |                   |                                                             |
| Public safety                                                                             | \$ 44,650        | \$ 40,200         | \$ 39,139         | \$ 1,061                                                    |
| Capital outlay                                                                            | \$ 12,000        | \$ 11,500         | \$ 10,824         | \$ 676                                                      |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b>                                                                 | <b>\$ 56,650</b> | <b>\$ 51,700</b>  | <b>\$ 49,963</b>  | <b>\$ 1,737</b>                                             |
| <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br/>Over Expenditures</b>                              | <b>\$ 21,350</b> | <b>\$ 50,909</b>  | <b>\$ 54,825</b>  | <b>\$ 3,916</b>                                             |
| <b>Other Financing Sources</b>                                                            |                  |                   |                   |                                                             |
| Operating transfers in                                                                    | -                | -                 | \$ 2,400          | \$ 2,400                                                    |
| Operating transfers out                                                                   | -                | -                 | \$ (1,000)        | \$ (1,000)                                                  |
| <b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>                                               | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>          | <b>\$ 1,400</b>   | <b>\$ 1,400</b>                                             |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>                                                         | <b>\$ 21,350</b> | <b>\$ 50,909</b>  | <b>\$ 56,226</b>  | <b>\$ 5,316</b>                                             |
| <b>Fund Balance - July 1, 2024</b>                                                        | <b>-</b>         | <b>-</b>          | <b>\$ 46,153</b>  | <b>\$ 46,153</b>                                            |
| <b>Fund Balance - June 30, 2025</b>                                                       | <b>\$ 21,350</b> | <b>\$ 50,909</b>  | <b>\$ 102,378</b> | <b>\$ 51,469</b>                                            |

| CITY OF CANEYVILLE, KENTUCKY<br>BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE<br>GENERAL FUND<br>FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025 |                    |                    |                    |                                                             |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                                                   | Budget Amount      |                    | Actual             | Variance from<br>Final Budget<br>Favorable<br>(Unfavorable) |
|                                                                                                                   | Original           | Final              |                    |                                                             |
| <b>Revenues</b>                                                                                                   |                    |                    |                    |                                                             |
| Taxes                                                                                                             | \$ 204,000         | \$ 227,500         | \$ 234,629         | \$ 7,129                                                    |
| Franchise fees                                                                                                    | \$ 23,400          | \$ 23,000          | \$ 23,060          | \$ 60                                                       |
| Grant revenue                                                                                                     | \$ 5,200           | \$ 5,370           | \$ 5,338           | \$ (32)                                                     |
| Interest income                                                                                                   | \$ 225             | \$ 280             | \$ 284             | \$ 4                                                        |
| Intergovernmental revenue                                                                                         | \$ 5,400           | \$ 5,400           | \$ 5,403           | \$ 3                                                        |
| Donations                                                                                                         | \$ 700             | \$ 600             | \$ 2,100           | \$ 1,500                                                    |
| Licenses and permits                                                                                              | \$ 50              | \$ 50              | \$ 43              | \$ (7)                                                      |
| Miscellaneous revenue                                                                                             | \$ 5,000           | \$ 8,525           | \$ 8,610           | \$ 85                                                       |
| <b>Total Revenues</b>                                                                                             | <b>\$ 243,975</b>  | <b>\$ 270,725</b>  | <b>\$ 279,467</b>  | <b>\$ 8,742</b>                                             |
| <b>Expenditures</b>                                                                                               |                    |                    |                    |                                                             |
| Current:                                                                                                          |                    |                    |                    |                                                             |
| General government                                                                                                | \$ 168,450         | \$ 173,559         | \$ 190,743         | \$ (17,184)                                                 |
| Highways and streets                                                                                              | \$ 19,600          | \$ 19,600          | \$ 19,017          | \$ 583                                                      |
| Parks and recreation                                                                                              | \$ 7,004           | \$ 4,477           | \$ 4,426           | \$ 51                                                       |
| Public safety                                                                                                     | \$ 69,825          | \$ 74,100          | \$ 48,313          | \$ 25,787                                                   |
| Capital outlay                                                                                                    | \$ 45,775          | \$ 51,175          | \$ 59,762          | \$ (8,587)                                                  |
| <b>Total Expendutres</b>                                                                                          | <b>\$ 310,654</b>  | <b>\$ 322,911</b>  | <b>\$ 322,261</b>  | <b>\$ 650</b>                                               |
| <b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues<br/>Over Expenditures</b>                                                      | <b>\$ (66,679)</b> | <b>\$ (52,186)</b> | <b>\$ (42,794)</b> | <b>\$ 9,392</b>                                             |
| <b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>                                                                             |                    |                    |                    |                                                             |
| Operating transfers in                                                                                            | \$ 30,000          | \$ 30,000          | \$ 36,461          | \$ 6,461                                                    |
| Operating transfers out                                                                                           | -                  | -                  | \$ (2,400)         | \$ (2,400)                                                  |
| <b>Total Other Finance Sources (Uses)</b>                                                                         | <b>\$ 30,000</b>   | <b>\$ 30,000</b>   | <b>\$ 34,061</b>   | <b>\$ 4,061</b>                                             |
| <b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>                                                                                 | <b>\$ (36,679)</b> | <b>\$ (22,186)</b> | <b>\$ (8,733)</b>  | <b>\$ 13,453</b>                                            |
| <b>Fund Balance - July 1, 2024</b>                                                                                | <b>\$ 402,520</b>  | <b>\$ 396,624</b>  | <b>\$ 310,600</b>  | <b>\$ (86,024)</b>                                          |
| <b>Fund Balance - June 30, 2025</b>                                                                               | <b>\$ 365,841</b>  | <b>\$ 374,438</b>  | <b>\$ 301,867</b>  | <b>\$ (72,571)</b>                                          |

A complete copy of the audit report is on file at Caneyville City Hall and available for public inspection during normal business hours. Copies are available for any citizen at a duplication cost of .10¢ per page. Copies of the financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS 424.220 are available at no cost. All copies may be obtained from Connie Gootee, City Clerk, 304 E. Maple St, Caneyville, KY 42721.