

Letters

from 4A

us to this area. Over the years, we have come to know them and witness firsthand Susan's commitment to District 4. There are so many behind-the-scenes tasks that Susan has supported and implemented. We live on Handy Pike and there are so many places where we have standing water and road closures with any kind of rain. Most recently, Susan was responsible for getting a culvert placed at the end of Handy for water management. She boldly stood up against solar farms to protect our farmland. Upon learning of a possible data center in our immediate area, we have witnessed her advocacy and dedication to serving District 4 in Mercer County. We were present at a fiscal court meeting immediately following the first public meeting regarding the data center. Susan stood up and stated that one of her roles is to be a liaison between her constituents and the court, a voice for us! She heard our concerns and has done her own research on the severe risks to our precious farmland and people. We are grateful and respect that she is listening and speaking for us on this matter. As a lifelong Mercer Countian, Susan will continue to put Mercer County, our precious resources, and the health

and welfare of this community first. Please vote for Susan Barrington on Election Day. Sincerely, Rick and Cindy Angel
Dear Editor:
Since our family began migrating from California to Kentucky in 2013, we have found the people genuine and the countryside absolutely beautiful. We followed our daughter's family in 2015, and our youngest daughter and her family arrived in 2017. With our first Kentuckian born here in 2019, we're here to stay. One of our first visitors when we bought our place in August 2015 was John and Susan Barrington. They were so kind, inviting us to church and letting us know they were around the corner and a phone call away.
After a strong storm, we had some downed limbs from a dead tree that Mooney dragged from our road. He mentioned this particular tree and his concerns about it falling into our tiny, little street to Susan, and a few short days later, it was cut down. We were not sure how things would go given California politics, but Susan did not let us down.
We appreciate her conviction in her faith, her passion for our community, and her knowledge of Burgin and its

history. We cannot imagine anyone else representing District 4 other than Susan Barrington.
Sincerely,
Charlie and Debby Mooneyham
Dear Editor:
Our lives are full of milestones. We just celebrated Mother's Day. We have birthdays, graduations, new jobs...and among these great moments, we have the awesome right to vote and elect honest, dedicated people to hold office and represent us.
Any elected office, no

matter the level, location, or population represented, is hugely important. Decisions are made by these offices that impact lives in countless ways.
The trust I have in Susan Barrington to be on the right side, follow the Lord's lead, and have me in mind when she is called upon to be my representative demands that I cast my vote to keep her in office.
I have known Susan and her family for decades. Her mother and father were great people, and they instilled in Susan a deep care and understanding of not only who she is in Christ, but who she is in

the community. And always, she has you in mind. This is why Susan must stay in office and continue to represent us as Magistrate for District 4 in Mercer County.
I will be voting for Susan Barrington as my Magistrate.

I encourage you to make the same decision.
You may not know her personally, but the good fruits of her labor tell you what you need to know. Vote for Susan!
Sincerely,
Rose Leibundgut

Harrodsburg Community Church
welcomes
Pastor Bob Russell
Sunday, May 17, 2026,
at 10:45 a.m.



Pastor Bob Russell is retired from Southeast Christian Church and continues to preach at churches and conferences across the United States

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currently searching for better rates. She said, even with a proposed three-percent raise for city workers in the budget, employees would not be able to afford insurance.
Then there was the impact of the rising maintenance costs.
"Part of being the oldest town is you have the oldest infrastructure," Maynard said.
She said tariffs are affecting the chemical fees required by water and sewer treatment plants.
Then there was the impact of rising gas prices—and state efforts to lower them—on the funds the state makes available to the city for paving. Maynard said municipal aid funds from the state were less in 2026, and cited Gov. Andy Beshear's recent executive order lowering the state's motor fuels tax by 10 cents, from 26.4 cents per gallon to 16.4 cents per gallon.
"All of those things impact the gas money, which impacts that paving money," Maynard said.
At their last meeting, the commission accepted a bid to pave city streets, including Larchmont Avenue, Linden Avenue, Veterans Park Drive, North Main Street, Commerce Drive, Cedar Street, Magnolia Street north from Broadway to the dead end, Hill Street, Forsythe Street, Daisy Street, Bacon Court, and the city-owned portion of Sleepy Hollow Road. Maynard said the funds to pave those streets could be reduced because of the halt in the state gas tax.
The city received a \$224,000 Local Assistance Road Program grant to pave the first five streets, with \$17,000 or Larchmont, \$85,000 for Linden, \$18,000 for Veterans Park, \$43,000 for Commerce and \$61,000 for North Main.
Maynard said the city cannot begin paving those streets until July 1. Moving forward, she said the commission should hold a public hearing before the beginning of Fiscal Year 2027.

what the city does with taxpayers' money, Maynard has put together a two-page document on property taxes.
"It just tells how the City of Harrodsburg calculates it," Maynard said. Based on a sample bill for a house assessed at \$264,421, the total tax bill was \$3,056.71. According to Maynard's sheet, \$166.58 of that went to the city, which she said covers a police officer's salary for 4.5 hours.
"That puts us in the position we're in," Mayor Williams said.
The mayor said something had to change. He said the city couldn't keep doing the same thing and "hope for a different result."
In other business, the Harrodsburg City Commission:
• Gave first reading to an ordinance clarifying cemetery fees. Most fees will remain the same, according to Chief Administrative Officer Stacey Maynard. However, the cost of a grave purchase would increase from \$250 to \$400, while perpetual care would increase from \$400 to \$600, bringing the total cost per grave from \$650 to \$1,000. Internment costs would remain unchanged.
• Gave the first reading to an ordinance on Nonrecurring Charges Water Department. Connection fees for new service are \$25 nonrefundable. Turn-ons and turn-offs and rereads: \$25. \$50 lock fee. Emergencies will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis and may incur additional fees.
• Gave first reading to an ordinance repealing previous ethics ordinances enacted by the city and replacing them with a new model ordinance from the Kentucky League of Cities. The new ordinance is available at City Hall.
The commission also appointed Marian Bauer and Genie Sims to the ethics board. Their term will expire on May 11, 2030. They also appointed Randall Bartleson to the ethics board as an alternate. Bartleson's term will expire May

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

In the May 7 edition of *The Harrodsburg Herald* in a story on the Harrodsburg-Mercer County Joint Planning and Zoning Commission's public hearing by Robert L. Moore, speaker Mindy Hupp's was incorrectly reported. We apologize for the error.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-07

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS, CHAPTER 52, SEWER USE, SECTION 52.145 (C) 3, SEWER SERVICE RATES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Harrodsburg desires to amend the sewer use, Section 52.145 (c) 3, which were last comprehensively updated by Ordinance 2025-06 and;

WHEREAS, the City of Harrodsburg is improving the Waste Water Treatment Plant, pump stations, and wastewater lines; since updating their infrastructure several loans to Rural Development and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority are due to be repaid. Additional revenues are needed in order to meet the minimum qualifications on the letter on conditions to pay the debt service on the loans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG THAT THE FOLLOWING RATES BE ADOPTED;

(3) Minimum sewer rate: The minimum sewer bill shall be ~~[\$17-95]~~ **\$18.43** per month, and each sewer customer shall be entitled to 250 cubic feet of sewer service consumption per month to customers of all size connections, except for any contractual arrangements with specific customers for additional surcharges.

Effective July 1, 2026 CPI 2.7% increase

<u>Number of Cubic Feet of water per month</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge (Current)</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge (Proposed)</u>
<u>First 250</u>	[\$17.95 minimum charge]	\$18.43 minimum charge
<u>Next 750</u>	[\$7.33 per 100 cubic feet]	\$7.53 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 3,000</u>	[\$6.94 per 100 cubic feet]	\$7.13 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 6,000</u>	[\$6.94 per 100 cubic feet]	\$7.13 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 25,000</u>	[\$6.94 per 100 cubic feet]	\$7.13 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 25,000</u>	[\$6.50 per 100 cubic feet]	\$6.68 per 100 cubic feet
<u>All over 60,000</u>	[\$6.41 per 100 cubic feet]	\$6.27 per 100 cubic feet

(4) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the sewer rates will be adjusted in accordance with the annual CPI (Consumer Price Index) which is maintained and reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statics.

(5) Each customer's bill will include a \$2.00 surcharge which will be used to fund future infrastructure projects.

This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.
Robert O. "Bob" Williams, Mayor, City of Harrodsburg
ATTEST: Shavonna Huffman, City Clerk

Given 1st Reading on the 13th day of April, 2026.
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ORDINANCE NUMBER 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG, KENTUCKY AMENDING CODE OF ORDINANCES TITLE V: PUBLIC WORKS, SECTION 51, GENERAL WATER AND SEWER PROVISIONS, SECTION 51.03 B, WATER RATES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Harrodsburg desires to amend the General Water and Sewer Provisions, Section 51.03, which were last comprehensively updated by Ordinance 2025-07 and;

WHEREAS, the City of Harrodsburg is updating their infrastructure and has several loans to Rural Development and Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. Additional revenues are needed in order to meet the minimum qualifications on the letter on conditions to pay the debt service on the loans;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF HARRODSBURG THAT THE FOLLOWING RATES BE ADOPTED;

(B) Specifically,

(1) Minimum water rate: The minimum water bill shall be ~~[\$14-86]~~ **\$15.26** per month, and each water customer shall be entitled to 250 cubic feet of water consumption per month to customers of all size connections, except for any contractual arrangements with specific customers for additional surcharges.

Effective July 1, 2026 CPI 2.7% increase

<u>Number of Cubic Feet of water per month</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge (Current)</u>	<u>Minimum Monthly Charge (Proposed)</u>
<u>First 250</u>	[\$14.86 minimum charge]	\$15.26 minimum charge
<u>Next 750</u>	[\$5.64 per 100 cubic feet]	\$5.79 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 3,000</u>	[\$4.90 per 100 cubic feet]	\$5.03 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 6,000</u>	[\$4.46 per 100 cubic feet]	\$4.27 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 25,000</u>	[\$3.54 per 100 cubic feet]	\$3.64 per 100 cubic feet
<u>Next 25,000</u>	[\$2.95 per 100 cubic feet]	\$3.03 per 100 cubic feet
<u>All over 60,000</u>	[\$2.38 per 100 cubic feet]	\$2.44 per 100 cubic feet

(2) Meter rates for water usage in addition to minimum charge: Subject to the minimum monthly water rate specified above, the following metered charges shall be made for each 100 cubic feet of water consumption per month to customers of all size connections, except for any contractual arrangements with specific customers for additional surcharges.

(3) At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Water rates will be adjusted in accordance with the annual CPI (Consumer Price Index) which is maintained and reported by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statics.

(4) Each customer's bill will include a \$2.00 surcharge which will be used to fund future infrastructure projects.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

• The Battle Cemetery, located at 3130-3162 Battle Road, in Mackville, Decoration Day will be Sunday, May 24, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Trustees will be present collecting donations for upkeep of the cemetery.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Harrodsburg will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of obtaining comments regarding the proposed use of Municipal Aid funds for fiscal year 2027. The public hearing will be held at 208 South Main, Harrodsburg, KY 40330. If you wish to speak at the meeting, please contact City Hall at 859-734-2383 ext. 103 or email shuffman@harrodsburgky.gov by Friday, May 22, 2026 at noon Each speaker will be allowed three (3) minutes to address the Commission.

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