

# LJ approves city budgets for 2026-27

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**LEBANON JUNCTION** – It is that time of year when governmental officials are required to approve their spending plan for the upcoming fiscal calendar.

Lebanon Junction is no different.

At a special meeting of the city council, the general fund, as well as the water and sewer, budget was approved.

The city plans to carryover \$70,000 in its general fund. The largest area of revenue comes from the occupational tax, which generates \$650,000 a year. Property taxes supply another \$305,000.

The city officials will have \$1.49 million to spend from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the general fund. There will be another \$78,500 in the road fund. The cemetery fund also has \$89,129 to spend.

Appropriations will include \$545,000 for administration, \$317,600 for the police and \$361,000 for the fire department.

There will be a carryover estimated at \$104,965 in the general fund.

The water and sewer budget it much less complex.

There will be a carryover of \$77,970 in the sewer fund and \$117,730 in the water.

The city expects to have a surplus of \$53,268 in the sewer fund and \$10,200 in the water department.

Lebanon Junction also has a required sinking fund, which is \$868,268. This covers loan payments for the utilities.

**IN OTHER BUSINESS:**

\*The council approved renewal of its insurance coverage through Insurance Connections.

The policy will cost over \$96,000 for the city.

As is the normal custom, the council will transfer \$100,000 from its occupational tax fund to cover the cost of the insurance.

\*The council approved the rezoning of .28 acres from B-1 Highway Commercial to R-3 Residential for Helen Halk on Ash Street.

\*The council also approved the rezoning of 10.5 acres on Collings Hill Road from Agricultural to R-1 Residential for Jason and Wendy Richardson.

\*The council approved a revised food truck ordinance. The fee is \$50 per day with a maximum of two days. Or they can purchase a one-year permit for \$200.

The city would control access for food trucks during events it sponsors, such as the fall festival.

\*Mike Rippy was reappointed at the city's representative on the Bullitt County Joint Planning Commission.

\*The city approved an agreement with Louisville Water Company to expand service to 2-3 customers off Collings Hill Road. The line

will be installed by Louisville Water but would be responsible for its maintenance.

\*The city hosted its street dance on Friday, June 19, at 6 p.m.

\*The spray park is open behind Lebanon Junction Elementary. The county was waiting for a part to arrive and that was accomplished early in June.

\*Councilmember Teresa Preston thanked circuit clerk Paulitta Keith for bringing a ham down to the fire department.

\*Councilman Tony Hellard asked about the plans to fix sidewalks in the city.

Dangerfield said there is a plan to first clean off the sidewalks to see which ones need repair. He felt getting sidewalks to the Wall Street Park should be the first priority.

Trimming tree limbs away from current sidewalks is also part of the plan, the mayor said. He felt there were a lot of bad sidewalks.

\*Amanda Spalding spoke to the council about her run for the Family Court seat in the Third Division. She will run this fall against incumbent Monica Meredith.

The next meeting of the Lebanon Junction City Council will be on Monday, July 6, at 6 p.m. at the community center. The public is invited to attend.

# College students from Bullitt County honored

University of Alabama  
The following students from Bullitt County were selected to the Dean's List or the President's List during the Spring 2026 semester at the University of Alabama. The Dean's List requires at least a 3.5 grade-point average and the President's List is a 4.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Washington, President's List  
\*Walker Ousley, Mount Washington, President's List  
\*Emily Smallwood, Shepherdsville, Dean's List  
\*Sarah Clark, Shepherdsville, Dean's List  
Samford University  
Caroline Bates has earned the Dean's List for the 2026 Spring Semester at Samford University.

Bates, a biology major from Shepherdsville, earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average. University of Maryland Daniel Adams, of Shepherdsville, has been named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2026 semester at the University of Maryland Global Campus. He earned at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

# POISON

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as a woody vine climbing a tree or trailing the ground; or as a small 5"-10" woody clump. It's devious because of the various shapes it takes on. The leaves, while always 3-leaflet leaves, may appear hairy or smooth, glossy or dull, and pointed or round at the margins. Some even have drupes, or little ber-

ries, in the winter that the birds enjoy and thus help spread the plant around.

You can use a broad-leaf weed control or total kill like glyphosate while it is actively growing to try and knock it back. Cutting it back regularly to starve out the root system will also work if you are persistent and the plant is young. If you choose to remove it by hand- which is reasonable with small specimens- be sure to wear protective gear and gloves that you

can throw away after the job is complete. Wash up with an alkaline soap (or Technu) to remove any residual oil that you may have come into contact with, too.

Poison ivy is hard to control so your best bet is to pull, mow or spray as soon as you see a seedling. If you know where your trouble spots are scout for the plant in the spring so you can begin control measures while the plant is immature.

# LEGAL NOTICE

CITY OF HILLVIEW  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-04

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF HILL VIEW, BULLITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2026, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, an annual budget proposal and message has been prepared and delivered to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has reviewed such proposal and made the necessary modifications:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HILL VIEW, KENTUCKY:

**SECTION ONE:** The annual budget for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2026, and ending on June 30, 2027, is hereby adopted as follows:

RESOURCES AVAILABLE	GENERAL FUND	LGEA FUND	MA FUND
FUND BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD FROM FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026	\$8,886,874	\$69,557	\$355,916

ESTIMATED REVENUES:	LGEA	MA
Copy Fees	2,700	
Code/Parking Violation Fees	10,000	
Waste Franchise Fees	1,875	
Sign Permit Fees	5,585	
Business License Fees	31,500	
Alcohol Licensing Fees	15,750	
Building Permits Fees	29,100	
Bank Deposit Franchise Fees	9,742	
Telecommunications Franchise Fees	41,542	
Insurance Premium Tax	1,709,831	
Occupation Tax	4,625,159	
Real Property Tax	1,600,768	
Law Enforcement Citation Fees	10,300	
Litter Abatement Grant	4,230	
Restricted KLEFPF Funds	117,056	
Tangible Personal/ PSC Tax	41,310	
Motor Vehicle/Boat Advalorem Tax	140,523	
Verizon Cell Tower Lease Payments	10,560	
Interest	253,717	1,875
Volleyball Revenue	35,927	
Soccer Revenue	8,040	
Concession Stand Revenue	23,295	
Food Pantry	\$15,846	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$12,357,451	\$69,000
EXCESS OF RESOURCES OVER OR UNDER APPROPRIATIONS ESTIMATED TO BE CARRIED TO FISCAL YEAR 2027-28	\$6,100,725	\$18,441

**SECTION TWO:** EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its publication.

**SECTION THREE:** REPEAL

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance or any part of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION FOUR:** UNCONSTITUTIONALITY

Should any section, clause, line, paragraph, or part of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or invalid for any reason, the same shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance.

Given first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Hillview, Kentucky on the 15th day of June 2026. Given second reading, voted upon, and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Hillview, Kentucky, on the 16th day of June 2026.

**Ordinance Sponsor:**

*Robin Triplett*  
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*Jim Eadens, Mayor*  
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Mayor

**Votes:**  
 Wes Stafford  
 Alice Keister  
 Kim Whitlock  
 Lisa Boggs  
 Randall Hill  
 Robin Triplett

Date of Adoption  
6/16/2026

Attest:  
*Karen Richard*  
Karen V. Richard  
City Clerk

Ordinance prepared by:  
*Harlen R. Compton*  
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City Attorney

TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATIONS	\$17,431,611	\$69,557	\$462,853
APPROPRIATIONS:	\$15,655,306	\$43,325	\$363,420
Administration	\$2,167,712		
Police	\$4,514,388	\$23,000	
Public Works	\$3,901,707	\$0	\$200,000
Health & Safety	\$1,921,316		\$106,937
Recreation	\$49,270		
Code Enforcement & ABC	\$36,159		
Jim Eadens Resource Center	\$979,083		
Food Pantry	\$891,311		
	-\$127,603		
	\$125,674		
	-\$469,150		
	\$81,724		
	\$25,000		
	\$10,246		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$8,849,408	\$23,000	\$106,937

EXCESS OF RESOURCES OVER OR UNDER APPROPRIATIONS	\$8,886,058	\$69,557	\$355,916
	\$5,395,184	\$20,325	\$343,420

ESTIMATED FUND BALANCE TOBE CARRIED FORWARD TO FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027	\$8,886,058	\$69,557	\$355,916
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