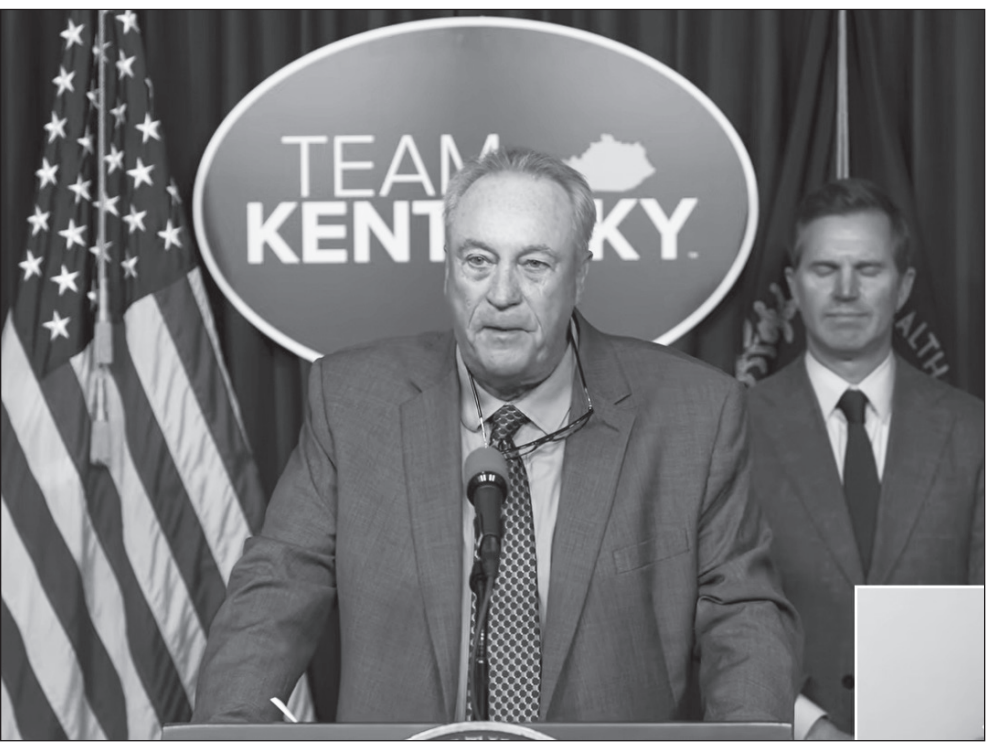
Kentucky's drug czar to retire after 22 years on the job



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Help is available to Kentuckians living with addiction. For resources, visit https://findhelpnow.org/ky. In physical emergencies, call 911. For mental health crises, call or text 988.

Van Ingram, the longtime head of Kentucky's Office of Drug Control Policy, is retiring at the end of 2026, Gov. Andy Beshear announced last month.

Tara Hyde, the CEO of People Advocating Recovery who is in long term recovery, will step into the role of executive director.

Ingram has been with the office since 2004, when Ernie Fletcher was governor of Kentucky.

Before that, he worked with the Maysville Kentucky Police Department for 23 years, including six as chief of police, according to the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. Ingram was named executive director of the office in 2008.

"There are caring people all over state government, in every cabinet and every agency, that have worked to bring this problem under control, as well as the Administrative Office of the Courts, the General Assembly, have all played a big part in our success," said Ingram.

During Ingram's time with the Office of Drug Control Policy, overdose deaths took a downward turn. The 2025 Drug Overdose Fatality Report showed overdose deaths are down nearly 23% from 2024, following a four-year downward trend.

"It's this work that led governor after governor, both Republicans and Democrats, to reappoint him to this position," Beshear said during a recent press conference in Frankfort.

Hyde, a longtime advocate for policy to help people in recovery, has herself been in recovery since 2011.

"Since being in recovery and overcoming addiction, I've found a real passion for helping people, for getting people access to services and for creating new services when they didn't exist," Hyde said. "That's why I've made it my life's work to support recovery services as well as individuals who are actively seeking help.

"I look forward to stepping into this role to support my fellow Kentuckians who are fighting addiction and going through substance use disorder treatment, recovery support services, looking for housing and gaining access to meaningful, passionate lives — because that's what we all deserve," she added.

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A SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO 2026-22

ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I OF ORDINANCE 2022-03 AND THE CITY'S DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE TO CONFORM PLANNING AND ZONING AND BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENTS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS TO CONFORM TO STATE LAW AND MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS"

This Summary is prepared by Christopher Wiest who is certified to practice law in this Commonwealth. This ordinance Amends Chapter 100 of the City's Development Ordinance to make conforming changes to the ordinance with state law. Specifically, the ordinance makes clear limitations on pubic utilities and common carriers as provided in KRS 100.324 and KRS 100.361. It makes clear that appointments to the planning commission require council approval as provided in KRS 100.141, that removal be in conformity with KRS 100.157, and appointments to the board of adjustments require council approval as provided in KRS 100.217(3). It removes provisions that provided for fees to be paid to the Building Inspector, and changes those to be paid to the City or relevant board or commission, to comply with KRS 83A.070(3).

It provides that "The application fee for a Uniform Application for construction of a cellular antenna tower shall be the greater of $2,500.00 or any higher fee authorized by KRS 100.986. The fee for a Utility Access Permit shall be $350.00. Any other fees charged to any applicant or property owner shall be set forth in a Fee Schedule approved by the City Council which may be amended from time to time." It also provides, for appeals of the Building Inspector's under this section shall pay a filing fee of two hundred dollars ($200.00) to the Board. If the appeal is substantially sustained by the Board, such fee shall be refunded to the applicant."

It permits the Planning Commission Chair, Board of Adjustment Chair, the Vice Chairs, or either board's legal counsel to administer oaths in connection with hearings. It provides for notice of meetings of the Board of Adjustments to comply with the Kentucky Open Meetings Act. It provides for an appeal right to the Board of Adjustments of decisions of the Building Inspector and outlines the requirements to take that appeal. It provides for 7 days' notice for hearings before the Board of Adjustments on conditional use permits, as provided in KRS 100.237, and makes other adjustments on hearing procedures and advance notice to affected parties, that conform such hearings to the requirements of KRS 100.237. The ordinance makes clear that there is no power to grant a variance that conflicts with the requirements of KRS 100.247.

And it permits the Building Inspector certain discretion in abating violations for cooperative persons to bring their property into compliance.

The full and complete Ordinance 2026-22 is on file at the Office of the London City Clerk and can be viewed there during normal business hours.

Christopher Wiest

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Wood Creek Water District financial records my be inspected at the Water District Office

The financial records of the Wood Creek Water District may be inspected at the Water District Office, 1670 East Hal Rogers Parkway, London, KY between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Wood Creek Water District will be held on the second Monday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Water District Office.

West Laurel Water Association financial records my be inspected at the Water District Office

The financial records of the West Laurel Water Association may be inspected at the Water District Office, 1670 East Hal Rogers Parkway, London, KY between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of West Laurel Water Association will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Water District Office.

East Laurel Water District financial records my be inspected at the Water District Office

The financial records of the East Laurel Water District may be inspected at the Water District Office, 1670 East Hal Rogers Parkway, London, KY between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners of East Laurel Water District will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 3:00 pm at the Water District Office.

Laurel County Extension District Board will accept bids for the purchase of a new 2026 Nissan Pathfinder, model 52816

The Laurel County Extension District Board will accept bids for the purchase of a new 2026 Nissan Pathfinder, model 52816. Specifications include leather seats, HD enhanced intelligent around view monitor, and 8-way power driver & front passenger seats. Bids must be mailed or hand-delivered to Laurel County Extension Office, 200 County Extension Road, London, Kentucky. Bids will be accepted until Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 4 PM. The Laurel County Extension District Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Laurel County Extension District Board is accepting bids for the purchase of a new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 1500 LT

The Laurel County Extension District Board is accepting bids for the purchase of a new 2026 Chevrolet Silverado Crew Cab 1500 LT, 5.3L Gas Engine. Specifications include 4WD, all weather mats, spray-in bed liner, bed cover, and tinted windows. Mail or hand-deliver bids to the Laurel County Extension Office, 200 County Extension Road, London, Kentucky. Bids will be accepted until Wednesday, November 18, 2026, at 4 PM. The Laurel County Extension District Board reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.