

LA trial to begin for man accused in deadly Palisades Fire

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LOS ANGELES — A federal arson trial begins Monday for the man accused of sparking last year's deadly Palisades Fire as the area struggles to rebuild and the aftermath reverberates through the Los Angeles mayor's race.

Jonathan Rinderknecht, 29, has pleaded not guilty to starting what became one of the most destructive wildfires in California history. Prosecutors say Rinderknecht started a fire on Jan. 1, 2025, and it burned undetected deep in root systems before flaring back up on Jan. 7.

The Palisades Fire ultimately killed 12 people and destroyed thousands of homes as it incinerated hillside neighborhoods in Pacific Palisades and the city of Malibu. Rinderknecht faces at least five years in prison if convicted of charges that also include malicious destruction by means of a fire.

Lead defense attorney Steve Haney has said Rinderknecht is being made as a scapegoat for the Los Angeles Fire Department's failure to fully extinguish the Jan. 1 blaze. Jury selection is expected to last several days before opening statements begin midweek. The trial is likely to take about two weeks.

News of the trial drew mixed reactions from residents of the Pacific Palisades, who have spent the last year and a half tussling with insurance claims and red tape for building permits as they try to regain normalcy in their lives.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The second reading and adoption of the Spencer County Fiscal Court proposed budget ordinance for FY2026/2027 is scheduled to be held at the Fiscal Court meeting room on June 22, 2026 at 6:00pm

BUDGET SUMMARY

An Ordinance Relating to the Annual Budget and Appropriations. Be It Ordained by the Fiscal Court of Spencer County, Kentucky: Whereas, the proposed budget was tentatively approved by the fiscal court on May 4, 2026, and was approved as to form and classification by the State Local Finance Officer on June 5, 2026.

Section One. The following budget is adopted for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 and the amounts stated are appropriated for the purposes indicated.

01 GENERAL FUND:	
50 General Government	\$ 3,997,110.40
51 Protection to Persons & Property	\$ 2,179,002.00
52 General Health & Sanitation	\$ 398,500.00
53 Social Services	\$ 97,500.00
54 Recreation & Culture	\$ 301,000.00
74 Tax Anticipation Notes	\$ 5,000.00
75 Borrowed Money	\$ 122,323.00
80 Capital Projects	\$ 770,500.00
91 General Services	\$ 364,400.00
92 Contingent Appropriations	\$ 10,000.00
94 Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)	\$ 983,000.00
95 Distributions to Other Gov't Agencies	\$ 0.00
General Fund Total:	\$ 9,228,335.40

02 ROAD FUND:	
61 Roads	\$ 1,809,161.00
76 Other County Liabilities	\$ 0.00
77 Leases	\$ 0.00
91 General Services	\$ 45,500.00
92 Contingent Appropriations	\$ 15,000.00
94 Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)	\$ 349,000.00
Road Fund Total:	\$ 2,218,661.00

03 JAIL FUND	
51 Protection to Persons & Property	\$ 976,350.00
91 General Services	\$ 2,700.00
94 Fringe Benefits (Employer's Share)	\$ 41,930.00
Jail Fund Total:	\$ 1,020,980.00

13 SOLID WASTE FUND (WRIS)	
52 General Health and Sanitation	\$ 909,000.00
Solid Waste Fund Total:	\$ 909,000.00

18 SHERIFF FEDERAL DRUG SEIZURE FUND	
50 General Government	\$ 11,000.00
Sheriff Drug Seizure Fund Total:	\$ 11,000.00

74 SPENCER COUNTY OPIOID FUND	
52 General Health & Sanitation	\$ 224,000.00
Opioid Fund Total:	\$ 224,000.00

76 SPENCER COUNTY SB 135 (CLERK) FUND	
50 General Government	\$ 136,000.00
SB155 Fund Total:	\$ 136,000.00

2026/2027 Total Budget: \$13,747,976.40

Section Two. This ordinance shall be published in The Spencer Magnet newspaper by title and summary within 30 days following adoption.

Section Three. This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

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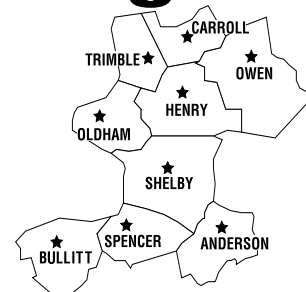
All interested persons and organizations in Spencer County are hereby notified that a copy of the county's proposed budget in full text is available for public inspection at the Office of the County Judge Executive during normal business hours, or online at www.spencercountyky.gov.

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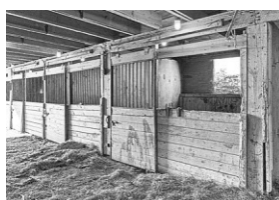
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NOTICE TO SPENCER COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Lynn Hesselbrock, Spencer County Clerk pursuant to KRS 424.130, announces that the 2026 Delinquent Real Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be published in the Spencer Magnet on June 18, 2026. The list of Certificates of Delinquency is also available for public inspection during the hours of 8-4:30 at the County Clerk's office located at 2 West Main Street. This list may also be inspected on the Spencer County Clerk website. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) of the website is spencercountyclerk.ky.gov. The tax sale will be held on July 22, 2026, beginning at 10:00. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on July 10, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee, or the deposit amount that will be needed. Taxpayers can continue to pay their delinquent tax bills to the County Clerk's office anytime prior to the tax sale. **Please note: All payments must be received in the County Clerk's office prior to the tax sale date listed in this advertisement. Payments received after the tax sale has been conducted will be returned without exception.** Some delinquencies- although they have been advertised will be excluded from the tax sale in accordance with the provisions of KRS 134.504 (10) (b). If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's office at 502-477-3215.