

Head Start preschool standards could change under Trump overhaul

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's administration is planning a dramatic overhaul of Head Start that would gut its quality standards, upending the hallmarks of the early education program for impoverished children, two people familiar with the deliberations said.

Head Start, established in the 1960s to help fight poverty, has long been con-

sidered by experts to be a gold standard early learning program. Its regulations, which stretch more than 100 pages, outline requirements on everything from child-to-teacher ratios and child health screenings to family engagement.

The Republican administration would replace those regulations with around a dozen pages of rules, leaving most of the specifics up to state and local law, said the people familiar with the deliberations, who spoke on

the condition of anonymity to discuss information that was not yet public and because they feared reprisal.

The draft rules would require more documentation from parents who are homeless or unemployed, the people familiar with the deliberations told The Associated Press. An early version of the proposal also would have barred parents who are in the United States illegally from enrolling their children, even if the children

are U.S. citizens. It's unclear whether those provisions will make the final draft.

HEAD START'S RULES TARGET POVERTY, EXPERTS SAY

Head Start serves more than half a million low-income babies, toddlers and preschoolers nationwide. For families that qualify, it offers free preschool and screenings to identify developmental delays. It also offers supports for families.

The changes to Head Start would deliver a win for conservatives who have sought wholesale elimination of it. The Trump administration would also further its efforts to eliminate regulations it views as onerous or unnecessary.

If the changes take effect, they could make Head Start unrecognizable, said Khari Garvin, who ran the Office of Head Start under President Joe Biden, a Democrat.

“We'd have the carcass of Head Start,” Garvin said.

“You might have a program that's called Head Start, but in substance it will not be.”

PROPOSAL HAS A LONG WAY TO GO TO TAKE EFFECT

The proposed rules were originally reported in The Bulwark. The White House, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Department of Health and Human Services, which oversees Head Start, did not respond to questions about the changes.



LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 479

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE No. 465, WHICH ESTABLISHED NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES, ETC., IS HEREBY AMENDED AS SET FORTH HEREIN TO ESTABLISH NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE, JULY 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, the City of Taylorsville operates and maintains a Water Distribution System and a Wastewater Treatment Facility (sewer system), and,

WHEREAS, the City of Taylorsville receives its water for the distribution system from the Louisville Water Company, and,

WHEREAS, the Louisville Water Company periodically raises its charges to the City of Taylorsville and, in order to offset the increased cost of obtaining water from the Louisville Water Company, and the costs of the operation of the system, and to refrain from having to have a significant water rate increase in the future to the water customers of the City of Taylorsville,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Taylorsville as follows:

SECTION 1. NEW MONTHLY WATER RATES

That the rates or charges for water service furnished by the City of Taylorsville, Kentucky, are hereby fixed and established on a monthly basis, beginning July 1, 2026 as follows:

A. Minimum Water Bill for Customers Located Inside City Limits.

The minimum water bill for customers located inside the City Limits shall be \$15.55 per month, with the base rate for each meter size established as noted below.

B. Water Rates for Customers Located Inside City Limits.

The following metered charges shall be made for each 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month to customers located inside the City Limits, for respective size water meter connections hereafter set forth:

NUMBER OF GALLONS USED	RATE SCHEDULE
1. <u>5/8" Meter</u> First 1,000 gallons Next 9,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$15.55</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$6.51</u> per thousand gallons <u>\$6.20</u> per thousand gallons
2. <u>3/4" Meter</u> First 5,000 gallons Next 5,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$41.59</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$6.51</u> per thousand gallons <u>\$6.20</u> per thousand gallons
3. <u>1" Meter</u> First 10,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$74.14</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$6.20</u> per thousand gallons
4. <u>1-1/2" Meter</u> First 25,000 gallons All over 25,000 gallons	<u>\$167.14</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$6.20</u> per thousand gallons
5. <u>2" Meter</u> First 50,000 gallons All over 50,000 gallons	<u>\$322.14</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$6.20</u> per thousand gallons
6. <u>4" Meter</u> First 100,000 gallons All over 100,000 gallons	<u>\$632.14</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$6.20</u> per thousand gallons
7. <u>6" Meter</u> First 200,000 gallons All over 200,000 gallons	<u>\$1,252.14</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$6.20</u> per thousand gallons

C. Minimum Water Bill for Customers Located Outside City Limits.

The minimum water bill for customers located outside the City Limits shall be \$25.36 per month, with the base rate for each meter size established as noted below.

D. Water Rates for Customers Located Outside City Limits.

The following metered charges shall be made for each 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month to customers located outside the City Limits, for the respective size water meter connections hereinafter set forth:

NUMBER OF GALLONS USED	RATE SCHEDULE
1. <u>5/8" Meter</u> First 1,000 gallons Next 9,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$25.36</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$10.53</u> per thousand gallons <u>\$7.77</u> per thousand gallons
2. <u>3/4" Meter</u> First 5,000 gallons Next 5,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$67.48</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$10.53</u> per thousand gallons <u>\$7.77</u> per thousand gallons
3. <u>1" Meter</u> First 10,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$120.13</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$7.77</u> per thousand gallons
4. <u>1-1/2" Meter</u> First 25,000 gallons All over 25,000 gallons	<u>\$236.68</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$7.77</u> per thousand gallons
5. <u>2" Meter</u> First 50,000 gallons All over 50,000 gallons	<u>\$430.93</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$7.77</u> per thousand gallons
6. <u>4" Meter</u> First 100,000 gallons All over 100,000 gallons	<u>\$819.43</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$7.77</u> per thousand gallons
7. <u>6" Meter</u> First 200,000 gallons All over 200,000 gallons	<u>\$1,596.43</u> (Base Rate) <u>\$7.77</u> per thousand gallons

E. Water Rates for Bulk Sales Customers

The rate for water sold in bulk sales for private use shall be based on the “gallons used outside the city limits” water rates for a 5/8” meter, regardless of location.

SECTION 2. MONTHLY SEWER RATES FOR ALL CUSTOMERS

That the rates or charges for sewer service furnished by the City of Taylorsville, Kentucky are hereby fixed and established on a monthly basis and shall be based insofar as possible upon the quantity of water supplied to the respective buildings or premises, beginning July 1, 2026, as follows:

A. Minimum Sewer Bill for All Customers.

The minimum sewer bill for all customers connected to the City of Taylorsville’s sewer system shall be \$15.15 per month, based upon 1,000 gallons (or less) of water in each month for such minimum charge.

B. Sewer Rates for All Customers.

The following charges shall be made based upon each 1,000 gallons of water consumption per month, in excess of the base rate, to all sewer customers of all size connections to the sewer system:

NUMBER OF GALLONS USED	RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS OF USAGE
First 1,000 gallons Next 9,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$15.15</u> (minimum monthly charge) <u>\$8.00</u> <u>\$7.48</u>

C. Sewer Rates for Customers located on Property Owned by the United States of America.

The following charges shall be made based upon each 1,000 gallons of metered sewer treatment per month, in excess of the base rate, to all sewer customers of all size connections to the sewer system:

NUMBER OF GALLONS TREATED	RATE PER 1,000 GALLONS TREATED
First 1,000 gallons Next 9,000 gallons All over 10,000 gallons	<u>\$18.94</u> (minimum monthly charge) <u>\$10.00</u> <u>\$9.35</u>

D. Sewer Rates for Significant Commercial Water Users

Sewer Rates for Significant Commercial Water Users may be based on current water rates if justified to and approved by the City Commission.

E. Sewer Connection Requirements.

All residences, businesses, schools, churches, etc. within the City Limits shall be required to connect to the City of Taylorsville’s sewer system if any one side of the property or across the street from property an existing sewer main or lateral line exist or is installed.

In order to obtain sewer service, the property must be located within the city limits or annexed thereto, with the exception of property owned by the United States of America.

SECTION 3. WATER CONNECTION CHARGES

Water connection charges are hereby established and shall be exacted for each connection with the municipal waterworks system, with different charges being made for different size water connections.

For the various size connections for premises to which water service is to be made available, the following connection charges shall be made:

SIZE OF WATER METER CONNECTION	CONNECTION CHARGES*
5/8 inch	\$2,100.00
1 inch	\$4,000.00
1 ½ inch	\$6,000.00
2 inch	\$7,000.00
3 inch or larger	Based on time & material

*Additional supplemental charges may be calculated based on construction cost specific to each connection.

SECTION 4. SEWER CONNECTION CHARGES

A. Single Family Residential Dwellings/Structures: Residential:

(i) Free Standing Residential Dwelling/Structure: A one-time sewer infrastructure impact fee of \$3,500.00 shall be paid in conjunction with each new sewer connection for all single-family dwellings/structures, regardless of the number of dwellings/structures as may be located on a single parcel, tract or lot of land.

Ex. A single family-residence obtaining a sewer connection and an Accessory Dwelling Unit or other dwelling structure additionally obtaining a sewer connection would each pay a separate sewer impact fee.

(ii) Condominium, Garden-home, Town House, or like or similar dwellings or structures

A sewer impact fee of \$3,500.00 shall be paid in conjunction with each new sewer connection for each individual living unit within or classified as a condominium, a garden-home, a town house, or like or similar dwellings or structures.

(iii) Patio Homes:

Patio homes containing 2 bedrooms or less shall pay a one-time sewer impact fee of \$2,250.00 per unit in conjunction with each new sewer connection.

Patio Homes containing 3 or more bedrooms shall pay a one-time sewer impact fee of \$3,500.00 per unit in conjunction with each new sewer connection.

(iv) DEFINITIONS: The following general definitions will be utilized by the City Public Works Director in determining the classification and the associated sewer impact fee for any structure. The Public Works Director’s determination may be appealed to the City Commission.

Condominium: a building or complex of buildings containing a number of individually owned apartments or houses.

Town House: a tall, narrow, traditional row house, generally having two or more floors.

Garden Home: a home designed with ample green space as part of the property. These homes typically feature large, private yards both in front and behind the house,

Patio Home: a single-story (or story-and-a-half) residential home that shares a wall with a neighboring home. Additionally, a patio home may refer to a home that includes a private outdoor patio space.

Fees shall be paid at time of water service application unless otherwise specified.

In the event a sewer tap (aperture) to a sewer main is required, a fee will be charged based on the cost of material and time for any city related expenses. Subdivisions and other developments are responsible for installing sewer taps at the time of infrastructure installation.

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B. Multi-Family Residential: (Apartments)

Multi-Family Residential Structure: buildings containing two or more living units/apartments which are within the confines of the apartment building or complex shall pay a one-time infrastructure impact fee per unit.

Fee schedule is as follow:

- An individual apartment unit containing one bedroom shall pay a fee of \$1500.00 per unit
- An individual apartment unit containing two bedrooms shall pay a fee of \$2250.00 per unit
- An individual apartment unit containing three or more bedrooms shall pay a fee of \$3500.00 per unit

C. Commercial/Industrial:

Commercial businesses which provide only a service, such as private child daycare facilities or food preparation establishments such as restaurants (excluding food processing), shall pay a one-time infrastructure impact fee of \$3500.00 per service/facility. All other such businesses, such as nursing homes, medical facilities, lodging bed and breakfasts, Airbnb’s, motel, hotels and instructional institutions such as: schools, colleges, churches and factories, would pay a one-time fee based on the engineering design flow, e.g., \$200.00/1000 gallon/month, with a minimum fee of \$3,500.00.

D. Other Connections:

A minimum fee of \$3500.00 will be charge to any business that relocates into a new location or building regardless of previous sewer service, such as: a current business relocating to an existing building or a current business relocating into a new building.

Furthermore, any commercial building with two or more units not mentioned in Section 4. - A, B, C, shall pay a fee of \$3500.00 for each unit or a calculation based on the engineering design flow e.g., \$200.00/1000 gallon/month whichever is greater, (ex. strip mall). In the event, a new business locates into an existing building unit, the business shall pay a sewer impact fee as described above.

SECTION 5. BASE RATE

Customers shall pay the base rate for water plus water used and a sewer base rate for each unit, regardless of, if the unit is occupied, unless the City is contacted to discontinue the water and/or sewer service.

All customers having only one a master water meter, serving multiple units, shall pay the base water and sewer monthly rate for each unit, regardless if a unit is not occupied.

Sewer charges are calculated based on water usage unless otherwise specified.

SECTION 6. RATES APPLY TO ALL USERS OF THE SEWER SYSTEM

Rates for the above connection fees shall apply to all users who discharge, cause or permit the discharge of sewage into the public sewer treatment system, whether by direct connection to the system or by indirect connection to or through another user or another connection to the system.

SECTION 7. NO BUILDING PERMIT OR OCCUPANCY PERMIT SHALL BE ISSUED UNTIL ALL FEES AND CHARGES HAVE BEEN PAID

No person, corporation or other entity shall begin construction on a development and no building permit or occupancy permit shall be issued by the City or by the local Planning and Zoning Commission or Administrator until all fees and/or charges have been paid to the City and applicable permits by the appropriate agency have been issued.

SECTION 8. SERVICE CHARGES AND PENALTIES

Other fees, charges and penalties associated with the administrative activity, billing, labor or material required to provide adequate services, including those established by this or any other ordinance, may be set by policy approved by the City Commission.

SECTION 9. RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Automatic Pass-Through

Effective July 1, 2017, the water rates contained in this Ordinance shall be automatically adjusted annually to cover the estimated additional cost to the City associated with rate increases from the Louisville Water Co., as a pass through to offset the additional cost of Louisville Water Co. to the City.

Additional Adjustments

It shall be the policy of the City Commission to review annually all other cost associated with providing water and sewer services and adjust rates to adequately cover those costs if applicable.

SECTION 10. BILLING, COLLECTION AND PENALTY

Rates, fees and/or charges relevant to any/all accounts shall be billed monthly and shall be considered due and payable by the 10th or the 25th of each month whichever applies. If not paid by the corresponding due date, such account shall be considered delinquent and a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be affixed to the balance due for each month delinquent. After an additional ten (10) days of due date water and/or sewer service shall be discontinued immediately. The City of Taylorsville reserves the right to discontinue water service due to delinquency of payment for water and/or sewer services. The re-connection of such services shall not be made until the owner and/or applicant pays all charges, penalties and reconnect fees owed in full. In the event, a water and/or sewer account is delinquent, and the customer has multiple accounts, the City of Taylorsville shall retain the right to discontinue services at other account locations.

SECTION 11. WATER/SEWER AND TRASH SERVICES

Sanitary Sewer Services: Water service accounts having sewer services shall be considered as one account and water service may be discontinued due to non-payment of sewer fees and any other fees associated with the account. All service accounts having sanitary sewer service provided by the City of Taylorsville, sewer fees shall be applied when the water service account is considered active including new construction unless otherwise specified.

Solid Waste Services: Garbage pickup fees shall not be applied on any residential water & sewer service accounts located within the city limits of the City of Taylorsville for new construction, until a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. Occupancy is defined as: *structure or portion of the structure is used or having the intent to use for shelter or support of persons, business, animals or property.* In the event, the structure or building has been occupied and the occupant has vacated the premises and the water service remains active, all other services shall remain active (sewer & garbage).

Furthermore, on all new construction and/or reconstruction in the City of Taylorsville city limits a dumpster shall be provided by the property owner as a means of disposal of trash/garbage and all waste construction material. Per KY Title 401 KAR 63:005 provides information of limitations for burning of any construction material or building waste of any kind.

Upon occupancy monthly garbage collection fees shall be stated on the water bill and be paid accordingly if applicable. Apartment complexes and Business developments are required to provide dumpster’s for solid waste collection for its occupants as required by law and Ordinance #382 Appendix F.

SECTION 12. REPEAL OF PRIOR ORDINANCE

Any Ordinance inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed. Any provision of Ordinance 465 not amended by this Ordinance 470 shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in this Ordinance.

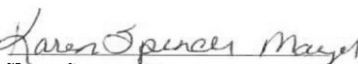
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Commission of the City of Taylorsville, Kentucky at a meeting on this the 14th day of July, 2026, with the Yea and Nay votes of the Board of Commission as follows:

Yea	Nay
Karen Spencer, Mayor	<u>X</u>
Diana Hilbert	<u>X</u>
Kathy Spears	<u>X</u>
Courtney Bentley	<u>X</u>
Roy Bell	<u>X</u>

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City of Taylorsville

Attest: 
Stacey Creishaw, Acting City Clerk
City of Taylorsville