

Olive Hill Council discusses tax rates and sanitation

By Charles Romans
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Jeremy Rayburn of Olive Hill Tourism presented Olive Hill City Council with an update during their October meeting last Tuesday. Rayburn told the council that tourism had paid \$2,000 for Christmas on The Hill Festival of Trees for advertising and promotion, and also \$600 for the year to the Police Department to help clean the facilities. Rayburn reported that tourism had also spent approximately \$33,000 toward the playground near the park, with \$28,700 of that amount for the playset. Rayburn told the council that the merry-go-round cost came in at \$10,000 but said that purchase would require a vote from the tourism commission.

Rayburn said tourism also gave back to the city for the replacement of four fiberglass light poles with steel poles. The cost for the poles, Rayburn said, was \$13,388, and once those were installed, he said tourism would vote to replace more poles. Tourism also spent \$10,000 on additional Christmas lights. Rayburn said that Main Street had already been started with Christmas lights, and the plan was to work on the Depot area this year. Tourism also paid Megan Smedley \$1,500 for fifteen press releases.

Members of the code enforcement board were present at the council meeting and requested updated ordinances to clarify code enforcement's position. City attorney Derrik Willis told the board members that there were ordinances from 2017 and 2021 that would need to be supplemented for clarification.

In other business, the city conducted the second reading of the property tax ordinance, ordinance 2026-06. Residents of the city can expect property taxes in Olive Hill to remain the same as last year, which is .2260 per \$100 of property value. The city also had the second reading of sanitation ordinance 2026-02 to determine rates of garbage pickup for residents and businesses within the city. It also establishes the need for uniform trash receptacles.

The sanitation ordinance will establish a new cost model for both residents and businesses. Residential customers inside the city limits will pay \$20 per month, and residents outside the city limits will

be paying \$23 per month. Commercial customers without dumpsters will pay a flat rate inside city limits of \$31 and a flat rate of \$36 outside of the city limits.

Customers with dumpsters will be paying, for two cubic yards, inside city limits \$60, while those with the same size dumpster outside of the city will be paying \$66 per month. Customers with four cubic yard dumpsters inside the city limits will be paying \$100 and outside of city limits will be paying \$112. Customers with six cubic yard dumpsters inside the city limits will be paying \$150 and outside city limits will be paying \$165. Institutional customers will be paying \$625 per month.

Additionally, the ordinance states that residential customers will be allowed a maximum of six, thirteen-gallon bags picked up per week. For residential customers, the fees will cover the use of one city provided trash receptacle. Customers will be able to use their own trash receptacles if those receptacles are suitable for pick-up and their use is not burdensome on city sanitation workers.

The city is not responsible for damage to customer owned receptacles, and incompatible receptacles may not be picked up. All lids for receptacles must be able to be closed to prevent the container from filling with water and rubbish spilling outside the receptacles. City sanitation workers will not be responsible for collecting any trash not inside of the

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City of Olive Hill Delinquent Property Taxes		
Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
2025-2	515 CRAIG ST	\$7.60
2025-5	651 CRAIG ST	\$31.21
2025-6	A JONES ENTERPRISES LLC	\$31.00
2025-29	ARTHURS RACHEL	\$161.01
2025-30	ASHER RALPH	\$24.23
2025 -31	ASHER RALPH & ALICE	\$71.06
2025-32	AUER TODD A & RHONDA J	\$122.01
2025-56	BINION LARNA	\$78.07
2025-59	BLANKENSHIP AUDREY	\$7.60
2025-72	BOGGS EUNICE	\$15.40
2025-82	BOND MICHAEL	\$33.61
2025-89	BRAMMELL BRAD	\$137.61
2025-90	BRANHAM JOHNNY	\$12.80
2025-95	BROWN WILLIAM MACARTHUR	\$43.28
2025 -100	BULLINS NATALIE	\$79.17
2025 -136	CARROLL JOSH	\$148.32
2025 -140	CARROLL VAUGHN	\$18.00
2025 -148	CASSITY EARL	\$51.80
2025 -155	CLINE BRENDA	\$6.82
2025 -158	CLINE WADE & IRENE	\$19.57
2025 -201	CRAIG WENDELL S	\$33.61
2025-202	CRAIG WENDELL S	\$43.49
2025-206	CROSS ISAAC F	\$114.41
2025-218	DAY JAMES	\$20.61
2025-226	DEHART NICHOLE	\$18.00
2025-235	DOTSON ASHLEY NICOLE	\$7.60
2025-242	DURHAM BETTY ESTATE	\$36.20
2025-285	FINLEY PROPERTIES LLC	\$52.53
2025-332	GEE DUSTIN	\$12.80
2025-338	GILLIAM SHARI	\$44.00
2025 -351	GRIFFEY MICHELE	\$20.61
2025-393	HARVEY AUTUMN	\$91.32
2025-396	HEDGE NICKLOUS & ALLISHA	\$88.20
2025-426	HUMPHRIES CONNIE D & DOROTHY	\$131.58
2025-487	KISER JOY	\$15.40
2025-492	KISER RAYMA	\$122.11
2025-495	KISER SPENCER	\$549.37
2025-497	KITCHEN SAMMY ESTATE	\$27.10
2025-529	LECLAIRE SAVANNAH RAY	\$115.34
2025 -617	MULLINS GROUP LLC	\$122.83
2025-618	MULLINS GROUP LLC	\$211.71
2025 -641	ONEAL PAUL JR	\$64.81
2025-656	OOGLE LLC	\$107.44
2025 -661	OWENS DONNY R & DONNA H	\$101.20
2025-695	QUALLS OIL CO INC	\$34.38
2025-696	QUALLS OIL CO INC	\$127.57
2025-736	REYNOLDS CHARLES L	\$11.51
2025-743	ROARK JERRY DALE	\$351.23
2025-749	RODGERS JOHN	\$31.00
2025-774	SAGRAVES SHANE A	\$88.20
2025-775	SALYERS CARL	\$17.74
Bill Number	Account Name	Unpaid Tax
2025-778	SALYERS LILLIAN	\$53.10
2025 - 781	SARTAINE WILLIAM TIMOTHY	\$31.00
2025-807	SLONE BERT & SANDRA PARKIN	\$6.30
2025 -812	SMITH ROY VERNON & CASSIE	\$31.00
2025-824	STACY DONNA JEAN	\$151.96
2025-877	STURGILL LONNIE & PHYLLIS	\$239.01
2025-907	THOMPSON BOBBY & DEBRA	\$152.94
2025-910	THOMPSON KATLYN	\$15.27
2025-915	THOMPSON SHIRLEY	\$122.01
2025-935	VANLANDINGHAM MAUDE ETAL	\$44.00
2025-964	WETHINGTON DEBORAH	\$17.63
2025-966	WHITT STEVEN W & SAMANTHA	\$746.04
2025-967	WHITIS QUALITY RENTALS LLC	\$75.88
2025-982	WILLIAMS RODNEY ET AL	\$36.20



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receptacle in use. Additional trash receptacles may be requested from the city at a cost of \$12 per month. The complete ordinance can be requested from the city.

The city also held

ordinance to amend the tourism tax (2026-05). The ordinance only affects the tourism tax and does not affect other city taxes. The council and members of the tourism board

minor changes to the new ordinance, and the second reading will be held at a subsequent meeting.

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■ Distraction from A-5

that helped restore the dying coral's health within seven weeks. The laboratory breakthrough offers new hope for saving reefs devastated by warming oceans and climate change. Nemo's landlord finally has a plan.

A five-month-old,

■ Joyful Noise from A-2

3:16 – "Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace always by all means. The Lord be with you all." A prayer for continual peace from God. 1 Peter 3:11 – "Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it." Peace is linked to righteous living. Psalm 4:8 – "I will both lay me down in peace, and sleep: for thou, LORD, only makest me dwell in safety." Peace provides rest

and security. Themes of Peace in Scripture. Inner Peace – God's peace surpasses human understanding and calms the heart amidst trials (John 16:33, Philippians 4:7). Peace with Others – Believers are called to live peaceably, forgive, and pursue reconciliation (Romans 12:18, 1 Peter 3:11). Peace as a Blessing – Peace is both a gift from God and a fruit of righ-

teous living (Psalm 29:11, Proverbs 12:20). Read Psalm 91, God's protection, promising safety, deliverance, angelic guardianship, and long life to those who trust in Him. Here is a summary of Psalm 91. Verses 1–2: Assurance that those who dwell with God live under His protection. Verses 3–8: God delivers from danger, disease, and unseen threats; destruction will not

touch the faithful. Verses 9–13: God commands His angels to guard believers; they will overcome deadly forces. Verses 14–16: God promises rescue, honor, answered prayer, long life, and salvation to those who love Him.

If you desire peace to a deeper level read these scriptures frequently and meditate upon them as the scripture says and you will find your spirit will be

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Grayson will be holding a public auction on November 13, 2026, at noon, at the City impound lot located at 591 East 5th Street, Grayson, Kentucky.

Preview of the vehicles will be by appointment only, beginning 72 hours before the day of sale. Vehicles are sold "as is", without title (unless indicated), all sales are final. The City of Grayson reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

VIN	MAKE	MODEL	YEAR
3FAHP0JG3CR157381	FORD	FUSION	2012
1GCJTBF98C8121913	CHEVY	COLORADO	2012
1G1ND52TXWY105369	CHEVY	MALIBU	1998
2G2WP522751126339	PONTIAC	GRAND PRIX	2005
1G4HR54K73U249647	BUICK	LESABRE	2003
3FADP4FJ9BM134306	FORD	FIESTA	2011
4M2YU57115DJ02887	MERCURY	MARINER	2005

CITY OF OLIVE HILL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2024-08 RELATING TO SANITATION, GARBAGE COLLECTION RATES, & TRASH RECEPTACLES

WHEREAS, the City Council of Olive Hill (hereafter "City Council") has determined that the City is in need of additional sanitation revenue in order to maintain adequate garbage collection;

WHEREAS, an increase in the expense in operating garbage collection has created a financial hardship upon the City; and

WHEREAS, in order to maintain said sanitation service it is necessary to raise sufficient revenue for that purpose.

WHEREAS, the City finds that the use of uniform trash receptacles, aka trash cans, will improve the aesthetics of the City, benefit City employees by having the means of allowing the truck to automatically lift and empty said receptacles, and provide customers durable, high-quality receptacles that are less prone to damage from wear and tear and less likely to result in unsanitary conditions.

WHEREAS, the use of new durable trash receptacles will benefit customers by preventing the need to purchase trash receptacles outside of the City.

WHEREAS, the City will incur costs associated with purchasing uniform trash receptacles and it is necessary to recoup said expense for the benefit of the city.

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the City Council of Olive Hill that Ordinance 2023-05 is hereby amended as below:

FEES

Fees for sanitation services shall be at the following flat rates:

A. Residential Customers:

	Inside City	Outside City
	\$20.00	\$23.00

B. Commercial Customers without dumpsters:

1. There shall be a flat rate as follows:

	Inside City	Outside City
	\$31.00	\$36.00

Customers with dumpsters:

	In Town	Out of Town
2 Cubic Yard Dumpster	\$60.00	\$66.00
4 Cubic Yard Dumpster	\$100.00	\$112.00
6 Cubic Yard Dumpster	\$120.00	\$134.00
8 Cubic Yard Dumpster	\$150.00	\$165.00

C. Institutional Customers \$625.00 per month

In addition to the foregoing, the following shall apply:

Residential customers shall be permitted a maximum of six (6), 13-gallon bags picked up per week.

For residential customers, the garbage pickup fee shall cover the use of one City provided trash receptacle.

Customers may use their own trash receptacles if they are suitable for pickup and the use thereof is not burdensome upon City Sanitation employees. The City is not responsible for damage to personal trash cans or receptacles. Sanitation employees may refuse to empty trash cans or receptacles that are incompatible with the garbage truck or are otherwise burdensome to empty.

The lid of all trash cans and receptacles must close in order to prevent water from filling with water and to prevent trash and rubbish outside of the receptacles. Sanitation employees will not remove trash bags that are not placed inside the receptacles.

Customers may request additional trash receptacles from the City at the rate of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00) per month.

Commercial customers without dumpsters shall be charged the commercial flat rate times the number of pickups required per week.

All customers, whether residential, commercial or institutional, shall use thirty (30) gallon garbage bags or less.

All customers, without dumpsters, shall place all garbage bags in proper container with a secure lid.

SECTION IV - MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Notwithstanding the foregoing, monthly charges to commercial customers will be based upon the size of the dumpster times the number of visits per week. If a commercial customer desires fewer visits per week, then they must provide an attractive "holding" area that is satisfactory with the City in its sole discretion, to keep garbage from being strewn about.

All customers must be serviced no less than one (1) time per week.

The City retains the exclusive right to determine the number of pickups per week as it deems appropriate for any customer.

In the event a commercial customer desires a change in service it shall be the commercial customers responsibility to inform the utility office to the number of visits it requests per week. Any Ordinance in conflict or adverse to the provisions contained herein shall be rendered null and void upon the adoption of this Ordinance. Any provisions contained herein, which are contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes, shall be null and void without affecting the remaining provisions contained herein.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and any Ordinance in conflict or adverse to the provisions contained herein shall be amended upon the adoption of this Ordinance. Any provisions contained herein, which are contrary to Kentucky Revised Statutes, shall be null and void without affecting the remaining provisions contained herein.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall take effect upon adoption and publication.

Adopted and enacted this 20 day of October, 2026

/s/ Jerry Callihan, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/ Stephanie Thomas, Olive Hill City Clerk

First Reading: September 25, 2026
Second Reading: October 20, 2026
Publication Date: October 28, 2026

Council Member	Yea/Nay
Chris Bledsoe	Y
Shannon Leadingham	Absent
Shane Tackett	Y
Kirk Wilburn	Y
Tony Williams	Y
Eric Rayburn	Y

CITY OF OLIVE HILL ORDINANCE NO. 2026-06

AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF OLIVE HILL

WHEREAS, the City of Olive Hill has determined that it is necessary to set a tax rate sufficient to provide for the operation of the City; pursuant to KRS 182.027 and any and all other applicable laws; and

NOW THEREFORE be it ordained by the City of Olive Hill that the property tax rate shall and is hereby set at .2260 per hundred dollars.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

/s/ Jerry Callihan, Mayor

/s/ Stephanie Thomas, Olive Hill City Clerk

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more at rest and peace in the days ahead.

Amen! So be it!
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