

Public notice

Local schools cancel class picture company

GREENUP COUNTY – The continuing fallout from the Jeffrey Epstein files have filtered down to Greenup County.

Among the names in the files is Leon Black, the former CEO of Apollo Global Management, an equity company that owns Shutterfly, which is the parent company of Lifetouch, which has taken class photos for schools around the country.

Rumors spread that Black had access to all the class photos of kids across the U.S. which the company has denied.

On Feb. 10, Lifetouch released a statement the company does, and never has, released the photos to third parties.

“Funds managed by sub-

sidiaries of Apollo Global Management are investors in Shutterfly, the parent company of Lifetouch. Neither Apollo nor its funds are involved in the day-to-day operations of Lifetouch and therefore no one employed by Apollo has ever had access to any student images,” said Ken Murphy, Lifetouch Group CEO. “Lifetouch is not named in the Epstein files. The documents contain no allegations that Lifetouch itself was involved in, or that student photos were used in, any illicit activities.”

That hasn't stopped hundreds of schools to cancel their contracts with Lifetouch. Locally, Greenup, Raceland and Russell school districts have all report-

ed that they have suspended contracts with the company “out of an abundance of caution” and that the safety of their students remains a top priority.

The schools have been in communication with the Kentucky Educational Development Corp. as information is reviewed.

Lifetouch began as National School Studios in 1936 in Kansas City, Missouri and has grown to 22,000 employees across the U.S. and Canada.

Besides high school photography, the company produces yearbooks, church and business directories and operates photo studios for JCPenney.

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ORDINANCE NO. 4- 2025

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF FLATWOODS, KENTUCKY, AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 THROUGH JULY 30, 2026 AND OTHER MATTERS.

CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that the above caption and Ordinance is titled as set forth above and has been reviewed by the undersigned, an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

/s/R. Stephen McGinnis
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Adopted on the 18th day of February, 2026 by the Common Council of Flatwoods, Ky.

/s/ Buford Hurley II
Mayor, City of Flatwoods

Attest
Joshua Joseph
City Clerk-Treasurer

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ORDINANCE NO. 402-2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO 325-2014, OF THE CITY OF SOUTH SHORE, KENTUCKY ESTABLISHING WATER RATES, TAP FEES, INSTALLATION CHARGES, SERVICE CHARGES, PENALTIES AND INTEREST, CUSTOMER DEPOSIT FEES AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES AND FEES RELATED TO THE CITY OF SOUTH SHORE WATER SYSTEM.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Commission of the City of South Shore, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION 1: RATES

The charges for water sold by the City of South Shore:

Metered Water Rates Inside City	
First 1,000	\$16.07
Next 9,000	\$6.71
Over 10,000	\$4.75
Fire Hydrant	\$16.69
Metered Water Rates Outside City	
First 1,000	\$20.48
Next 9,000	\$9.01
Over 10,000	\$7.15
Fire Hydrant	\$16.69
Minimum Bill	

Upon installation of a water tap by the City for a customer, the customer shall be deemed to have water service available and shall be subject to billing for water service beginning on the date the tap is completed. The minimum water bill shall be charged to the customer regardless of whether a water meter has been installed, whether water is actively being used or consumed, or whether the customer has occupied or commenced use of the premises served by the tap.

The minimum water bill shall be assessed in accordance with the rates and charges adopted in the City's water rate ordinance, as amended from time to time, and shall be billed on a regular billing cycle established by the City. The minimum water bill shall be in the amount of the rate established for the first 1,000 gallons for both inside the city and outside the city customers.

There shall be no minimum bill for taps which are used exclusively for fire protection.

SECTION 2: OTHER FEES

(A) Reconnection:

1. For Non-payment: For reconnection due to disconnection resulting from non-payment, all customers shall be charged a fee to reconnect water service during regular work hours Monday through Friday before 4:00 p.m., except holidays, at \$50.00. Any service reconnection requested by a customer to occur except for the hours and dates set forth above shall be a charge of \$75.00.

The above charges shall be paid before the water is reconnected.

2. Seasonal or Other Non-Emergency Disconnections/Reconnections: The customer shall be charged a fee to turn water off and to reconnect water, except for emergency situations and disconnection due to failure to pay for charges, an amount of \$30.00 either to disconnect or reconnect the water.

(B) Tap Fees

Meter Size	In-town Tap Fees	Out-of-town Tap Fees
5/8 X 3/4"	\$945.00	\$1,145.00
1"	\$1,195.00	\$1,395.00

Any size tap that is not set forth above shall be charged at a rate which will fully reimburse the City for all costs paid by the City for the tap including, but not limited to, the tap itself, labor, fuel, equipment and depreciation. Water taps shall be installed in the road right-of-way unless otherwise authorized in writing by the Mayor. Taps not installed in the right-of-way shall be installed with the minimum distance from the main line to the tap. The City reserves the right to refuse to provide service to any location where the cost of providing service is excessive. All users desiring service with the City of South Shore shall sign a water user contract before water is provided.

(C) Water Meter Test Fees

Any customer desiring their water meter to be tested shall pay a fee of \$80.00 if inside the City and \$80.00 if outside the city. The fee will be refunded if the test determines the meter to be inaccurate and overstating consumption. The fee must be paid by the customer before a water meter is tested.

(D) Water Meter Re-Read

Any customer may request that their meter be reread. Upon request and payment by the customer of \$25.00 fee if in-city and \$25.00 fee outside the city, the meter shall be reread. The fee shall be paid in full before the meter is reread. Should the second reading of the meter be 15% lower than the first reading, the City will apply the fee charged as a credit on the customer's water bill. A second request for a re-read in any calendar year will incur a fee of \$50 if in town and \$50 if out based on the same terms above. If customer requests a diagnostic on meter, the cost for such service shall be \$50.00.

SECTION 3: RETURNED CHECK FEES

Any account on which payment is made partially or wholly made by a check or electronic withdrawal that is returned for insufficient funds shall be charged a fee of \$35.00 for such check. In addition, after the second such occurrence within a twelve-month period, the City may require payment by cash, cashier's check or money order for a twelve-month period. Thereafter, any single repetition shall cause the same requirements to be placed in effect indefinitely. If the City is unable to make contact with the customer, by its phone call and/or written letter, or there is no response from the customer, then the City reserves the right to disconnect the service.

SECTION 4: PENALTIES AND INTEREST

All charges remaining unpaid after they become due shall be charged a penalty of ten percent (10%) and interest at the rate of 1% (12% per annum) per month. The minimum penalty shall not be less than \$4.00. The due date shall be the 16th of each month, after the 16th charges shall be subject to penalty and interest as set forth in this section. Accounts shall be subject to being disconnected if payment obligations have not been fulfilled within 10 days of the due date. Therefore, accounts shall be subject to termination if unpaid as of the 27th of each month. If the due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, then the due date shall be the next business day.

SECTION 5: ADJUSTING METER PITS

The cost of adjusting meters to grade shall be the actual cost incurred by the City of South Shore. Actual cost is defined as all costs incurred to complete installation including, but not limited to, salary, benefits, materials and equipment use charges.

SECTION 6: ABANDONED SERVICE CONNECTION

Any service connection which has been out of service continuously for a period of two (2) years or more to an unlivable premise or a vacant lot and/or site may be removed by the Company at its own expense. Any future new service desired is subject to Section 13 New Customer Water tap.

SECTION 7: MISCELLANEOUS FINES/PENALTIES

(A) It shall be illegal for any person to turn on water at their tap without the permission of a properly authorized City of South Shore employee. Any person turning on water without permission from a City of South Shore employee shall have committed a violation and shall be subject to a fine of \$250.00 and court costs.

(B) No person shall install or aid another in installing a "jumper" across a water meter. Violation of this Ordinance shall be a Class B misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of ninety (90) days in jail and/or a fine of \$250.00. Further, a civil fine shall inure to the individual(s) receiving water by use of the jumper of \$50.00 per day each day the water jumper was used and payment of an appropriate minimum water bill for the tap size. Water service shall not be provided until the civil fine and/or criminal restitution is paid.

(C) Only one residence or business shall be serviced per tap except for apartment house or trailer parks. Any person violating this Ordinance shall be guilty of a violation and fined up to \$250.00 per day and each day this Ordinance is violated shall be considered a separate violation. Water service shall be disconnected to the property which has allowed another individual to use their line to obtain water service. Until such time as an appropriate minimum bill (based on tap size) is paid for the number of months that the second user used the water, then service shall be disconnected to the property and no service shall be provided to either property or to the individuals who allowed or used the illegal tapping until such time as said bill is paid.

(D) No person shall make use of a fire hydrant or other un-metered water source except that they be authorized to do so by the Mayor or his designee, the fire chief of any city, fire department or fire district for fire department purposes. Any person violating this Ordinance shall be fined up to \$200.00 per day with each day of use being considered a separate occurrence.

SECTION 8: CUSTOMER DEPOSIT

A customer deposit fee of One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars (\$125.00) shall be required of all new customers who are homeowners. A customer deposit fee of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) shall be required of all new customers who are renters. The deposit will be refunded after three (3) years (36 months) of service if it is determined

by the Mayor or his designee that the customer has had a good payment history.

Administrative fee for all new accounts is \$ 15.00.

SECTION 9: UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Mayor or his designee is authorized under unusual and/or special circumstances, nonrecurring and rare in nature, to provide reasonable adjustments based upon mitigating conditions, which appear to require such adjustment to a utility invoice. The burden of proof should rest with the customer and there is absolutely no obligation on the City to provide such adjustment. The Mayor or his designee shall maintain a file of any such adjustments under this policy for review by the South Shore City Council.

SECTION 10: DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

If charges for water service remain unpaid by the due date of the delinquent notice, such water service may be discontinued. In addition to the 10% penalty and interest charges, all water service charges shall be paid before water and sewer service is reconnected if applicable. If a check or electronic payment following a shutoff notice is returned for insufficient funds, the service shall be shut off immediately without further notice.

City shall refuse service to the delinquent applicant until all charges are paid. The delinquency shall be deemed to exist whether the outstanding delinquency is in the nature of the applicant or the spouse.

SECTION 11: LIABILITY FOR UNPAID WATER CHARGES, LIEN ON PROPERTY

(A) Responsibility for Payment.

All rates and charges for water service furnished by the City shall be due and payable by the customer in whose name the service is rendered. However, water service charges shall also constitute a charge against the real property served, and any unpaid balances shall remain a liability attached to that property, not solely to the individual customer.

(B) Lien for Unpaid Charges.

All rates and charges for water service that remain unpaid after becoming due shall constitute a lien upon the property served and shall continue until the unpaid charges, together with penalties and interest, are fully paid.

(C) Notice and Recordation.

The City Clerk (or other designated official) is authorized to file in the office of the County Clerk a notice of lien identifying the property served and the amount due. The lien shall be effective from the date of filing and may be released upon payment in full of the delinquent account. A fee equal to the actual cost of filing and releasing the lien may be added to the customer's account.

(D) Transfer of Ownership.

Upon transfer of ownership of any premises served by the City's water system, all outstanding and unpaid water service charges, penalties, and interest shall remain a lien on the premises and shall be the responsibility of the new owner unless satisfied prior to transfer. The City may refuse to provide service to any new owner until all delinquent charges associated with the property have been paid.

(E) Enforcement.

The City may enforce collection of unpaid water service charges and related liens through any lawful means, including discontinuance of service, civil legal action, or such other means as authorized by law.

SECTION 12: DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE

(1) Discontinuance of Service by Customer

Any customer desiring to discontinue water service for any reason must give notice at the company office, otherwise the customer shall remain liable for all water used and services rendered.

(2) Discontinuance of Service by Utility

The Utility may refuse or discontinue service to an applicant or customer, after proper notice, for failure to comply with its rules and regulations or state and municipal rules and regulations, or illegal use of service or for non payment of bills. And especially for any of the following reasons:

- Misrepresentation in the application for service.
- Waste or misuse of water and/or failure to keep service pipes in suitable repair.
- Tampering with meter, service, or valves, or permitting such tampering by others.
- Cross connection.
- Refusal or neglect to provide reasonable access for meter reading, repairs, or to provide service.
- Non payment of bills.
- When a dangerous condition is found to exist on the customers or applicant's premises, the service shall be cut off without notice or refused.

SECTION 13: RIGHT OF ACCESS

The customer shall permit the Company to lay, maintain, repair or remove such water lines as are owned by the Company and located on the customer's property. The Company's duly authorized representative and/or other duly authorized employee of the State Health Department bearing proper credentials and identification shall be permitted to enter upon all properties for the purposes of inspection, observations, measurement, sampling and testing, in accordance with the provisions of these rules and regulations. The customer shall convey, or cause to be conveyed, a perpetual easement and right of way to the Company across any property owned or controlled by the customer whenever said easement or right of way is necessary to enable the Company to furnish water service to the customer.

SECTION 14: INTERRUPTION OF SERVICE

The Company will use reasonable diligence in supplying water service, but shall not be liable in the event of, or for any loss, injury, or damage to persons or property resulting from interruptions in service, excessive or inadequate water pressure, or otherwise unsatisfactory service, whether or not caused by negligence. The Company does hereby explicitly state that its system is designed for rural domestic consumption and that its provision of connections for fire protection, whether by design or implication, is only for such benefit as said customer may be able to derive from such connection.

The Company shall in no event to be held responsible for any claim made against it by reason of the breaking of any mains or service pipes or by reason of any other interruption of the supply of water caused by the failure of machinery or stoppage for necessary repairs or other reason. No person shall be entitled to damages nor a payment refund for any interruption of service which in the opinion of the Company may deem necessary.

SECTION 15: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

All water metering devices shall be accessible to the meter reader. If the meter is concealed, covered up, or has a structure built over it in such a way as to prevent proper reading or maintenance of meter then customer shall be in violation of concealment of metering device. It shall be the responsibility of the meter reader to notify customer by door hanger or letter of notification that such device must be made accessible by the next month's reading or the customer's service may be disconnected until such time that the meter can be placed in a location to meter reader. If it is required that the city move the meter or make a new tap the cost shall be borne by the customer.

SECTION 16: CUSTOMER SHUT OFF VALVES

- Each customer shall have and maintain its own shut off valve.
- When service is turned on by the utility at the meter box, the customer shall have its shut off valve closed to determine if any leaks are present in the service line.
- If water service is turned off by the utility for any reason, service will not be restored if no shut off valve is present or not in a workable condition.

SECTION 17: FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Any city, county, urban county, charter county, fire protection district, or volunteer fire protection district ("User") may withdraw water for the utility's water distribution system for the purpose of fighting fires or training firefighters at no charge on the condition that it maintains estimates of the amount of water used for fire protection and reports the amount of this water usage to the utility no later than the 15th day of the following calendar month.

Any city, county, urban county, fire protection district, or volunteer fire protection district that withdraws water from the utility's water distribution system for fire protection and fails to submit the required report on water usage in a timely manner shall be assessed the cost of this water.

A non-reporting user's usage shall be presumed to 0.3 percent of the utility's total water sales for the calendar month. A non-reporting user may present evidence of its actual

SECTION 21: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

/s/ Cheryl Moore
MAYOR, CITY OF SOUTH SHORE, KENTUCKY

ATTEST:
/s/ Cheryl Robbins
CITY CLERK

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