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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE JACKSON BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

There will be a public hearing before the Jackson Board of Adjustment on Thursday, July 2, 2026, at 4:30 P.M. EST/5:30 P.M.CST in the City Council Room located at 333 Broadway Street, Jackson, KY.

As mandated in Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 100, the City of Jackson Board of Adjustment would like to inform the public of a request made by a property owner for consideration of a Conditional Use Permit for property as follows:

Property Owner: Jamie Duff, Dawson Duff, Kennedy Duff
Address: 957 Highland Avenue, Jackson, KY
Conditional Use: Request to locate a manufactured double-wide home as a permanent single-family dwelling in conformance with other building and zoning guidelines.

This hearing is open to the public and allows for public comment. Citizens may submit comments or concerns to: Board of Adjustment, 333 Broadway St, Jackson, KY 41339 or call 606-666-7069, or email mail@cityofjacksonky.org.

Floodplains and Wetlands Early Public Notice Activity in a 100-Year Floodplain

To: All interested Agencies including all Federal, State, and Local, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that City of Jackson under 24 CFR Part 58 has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Order 11988 and/or 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its project in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment for Jackson Water Treatment Plant Improvements Phase 2 under SAI# KY202607010713. The proposed project consists of operational, mechanical, electrical, and control system upgrades at the existing Jackson Water Treatment Plant and associated high-service building. The improvements are intended to modernize aging equipment, improve system reliability, and harden critical infrastructure following prior flood-related damage. All work is confined to existing buildings, equipment pads, and previously developed utility infrastructure. The necessity for these improvements became evident after Jackson experienced significant flooding in the summer of 2022. The facility is located within the mapped 0.2 percent annual chance flood hazard area. Proposed activities do not expand floodplain encroachment or increase flood risk. The project location is at 433 Armory Drive in Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky.

Written comments must be received by the City of Jackson via Kentucky River Area Development District (KRADD) at the following address on or before July 30, 2026: KRADD, 941 N. Main Street, Hazard, KY 41701 and 606-436-3158, Attention Madison Couch, Community and Economic Development Planner during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Comments may also be submitted via email at madison.couch@kradd.org.

Date: 7/10/2026

New State Laws Now In Effect

With the stroke of midnight on July 15, more than 40 new laws took effect in the state following the 2026 Kentucky Legislative session.

During its “long session,” the Kentucky General Assembly approved and passed a total of 190 bills and many resolutions during this year’s 60-day effort. The majority of those laws and revisions take effect on July 15, according to Kentucky law.

The 1891 Constitution sets a 90-day “implementation period” following the end of the session and the expiration of the gubernatorial veto period unless the law has a specific date of effectiveness approved in the measure.

Legislators approved and sent to the Governor bills that revised or set regulations on concealed carry laws, criminal justice, gambling, alternative school diplomas, first responders, sexual abuse, grooming, criminal justice, and a variety of other topics.

Several of the new laws include:

Impeding First Responders: Senate Bill 104, as passed and went into effect on July 15, was designed to prevent “interference or harassment of first responders” while performing their duties. The bill designates a safe zone of at least 25 feet around police, firefighters, and other officials on a scene.

Diplomas: House Bill 562 creates a new diploma option for high school students with intellectual disabilities. The new law calls for employers to recognize the alternative as a valid high school diploma for employment purposes.

Grooming: House Bill 4 criminalized any effort to influence or manipulate a minor into sexual contact with an adult through practices known as “grooming.”

Concealed Carry: House Bill 312 allows Kentuckians ages 18 to 20 to obtain a concealed carry permit with provisional status after successfully completing a firearms training course certified by the state.

Crystal Rogers Act: House Bill 305 stiffens the penalties for illegally recording or sharing information on a grand jury proceeding.

Gaming: House Bill 904 changed many aspects of Kentucky’s gaming laws, including raising the required age to participate in sports wagering from 18 to 21. The new law also outlaws anyone on the Kentucky Attorney General’s child support arrears list from registering and using online betting systems.

Child Pornography: House Bill 366 expands the definition of child pornography to include computer-generated images of a minor and requires an individual convicted of possessing or viewing such materials to serve at least 85% of their sentence.

Automated License Plate Readers: House Bill 58 limits the use of license plate readers to public safety purposes, including parking regulation, crime prevention, controlling access to restricted areas, and investigations. The new law also allows the state to use automated readers for toll and revenue collection. Under the law, images captured by the readers must be deleted 90 days after collection, unless part of an investigation or “for other use.”

Other new laws include pesticide labeling, clarification of the insanity defense, bus safety, a nuclear energy pilot program, updated stalking regulations, a student violence expulsion law, the use of tax dollars for elections, organ donation, and the creation of storm shelter rebates.

A full list of new regulations and the bills passed by the Kentucky General Assembly can be found at <https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/record/26rs/record.html>.

**COMBINED NOTICE
NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NO SIGNIFICANT
IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR
RELEASE OF FUNDS**

*Date 7/15/2026

Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant
(Name of Applicant)

333 Broadway St Jackson, KY 41339
606-666-7069
(Street, City, Zip Code) Telephone #)

These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for the activities to be undertaken by the *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant*.

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

Request for Release of Funds

On or about 7/15/2026, the *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* will submit a request to the Department for Local Government for the release of CDBG-DR funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL 93-383) to undertake the following project:

Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant
(Project Title or Name)

The City proposes to construct a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) in a different location with modern equipment and a more efficient process. Looking to build a 1 million gallon per day plant. Funding will be used to construct a new WWTP, with a lift station, a force main, gravity collection system and a backup generator. Also, the engineering company will decommission the existing plant once the new one is constructed. Other related costs will budget for administration fees, legal fees, land, appraisals, easements, and environmental/Geological reports. Engineering costs will consist of a Preliminary Engineering Report, facilities plan update, design, contract administration, resident observation, permitting and study assistance (Geotechnical, Environmental, etc.).

(Purpose or Nature of the Project)

Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky
(Location – City, County, State – of Project
9203 (Census Tract(s))
Finding of No Significant Impact

The *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) (PL-91190) is not required. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting the project has been made by the *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why such a Statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is available upon request, at the **Jackson City Hall , 333 Broadway St, Jackson, KY 41339 between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M.** No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted.

Public Comments

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with the ERR decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration to the *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* Office. Such written comments should be received at **333 Broadway St, Jackson, KY 41339, or Ashley.blair@kradd.org** on or before 7/30/2026. All comments received will be considered before authorizing the submission of a request for a release of funds or taking any administrative action on the project before the date specified in the proceeding sentence. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

Environmental Certification

The *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* will undertake the project described above with CDBG-DR funds from the Department for Local Government under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. *The Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* is certifying to the state that the Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant and **Laura Thomas**, in her official capacity as **Mayor**, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities concerning environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval, the *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* may use the CDBG-DR funds, and the state and CDBG-DR will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related laws and authorities.

Objection to Release of Funds

The state will accept objections to its release of funds and the *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* **certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission dates or its actual receipt for the request (whichever is the later)** only if they are on one of the following bases:

(a) The certification was not executed by the *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* Certifying Officer.

(b) The *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* has failed to make one of the two findings according to S58.41 or to make the written determination decision required by S5578.57, 58.53, or 58.64 for the project, as applicable.

(c) The *Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant* has omitted one or more of the steps outlined in Subparts F and G for the preparation and completion of an EA.

(d) No opportunity was given to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation or its Executive Director to review the effect of the project on a property listed on the National Register of Historic Places or found to be eligible for such listing by the Secretary of the Interior, per 36 CFR Part 800.

(e) The recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs, or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR part 58 before approval of the release of funds and approval of the Environmental Certification by ARC or the State.

(f) Another Federal agency acting according to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted following the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the Department for Local Government, 100 Airport Road- 3rd Floor Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after 8/15/2026, will be considered by the state. Potential objectors should contact the Department for Local Government to verify the actual last day of the state Comment period.

Laura Thomas, Mayor
(Name of Certifying Officer of Applicant/Title)
333 Broadway St, Jackson, KY 41339
(Address)

**POLICY OF NON-DISCRIMINATION
SECTION 504
PUBLIC NOTICE**

This notice is published pursuant to the requirements of 24 CFR Part 8 Nondiscrimination Based on Handicap in Federally-Assisted Programs and Activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, as published in the Federal Register on June 2, 1988. Section 8.4 prohibits discrimination against qualified individuals because of their handicap status.

The City of Jackson advises the public, employees, and job applicants that it does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities.

The City of Jackson has designated the following person(s) as the contact to coordinate efforts to comply with this requirement. Inquiries should be directed to:

Name:	<u>Laura Thomas</u>
Office:	<u>City of Jackson</u>
Address:	<u>333 Broadway St.</u> <u>Jackson, KY 41339</u>
Phone Number:	<u>606-666-7069</u>
TDD Number:	<u>(800) 648-6056</u>
Hours:	<u>8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</u>

NOTE

This information must be communicated to the visually or hearing impaired. This may include the use of public service radio and television announcements, and telecommunications devices, the posting of notices, the publication of notices in newspapers and magazines, the placement of notices in recipient governmental publications, and the distribution of other written and taped communications to groups representing the handicapped.

**CITY OF JACKSON
ORDINANCE NO. #121125B
An Ordinance Relating to the Amendment
of the Budget for the City of Jackson for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

WHEREAS, KRS Chapter 91A requires that each Municipality accept a budget for each fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson, Breathitt County, Kentucky has previously adopted a budget for fiscal year 2025-2026, as a proposed plan for raising and spending money for specified programs, functions, activities or objectives during the fiscal year so as to provide for efficient financial administration, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson has received Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) funds in the amount of \$13,000,000 in connection with the City of Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

WHEREAS, the City of Jackson desires to document said transfer and to amend the 2025-2026 budget to show the inclusion of said funds into the budget and the expenditure of said funds from the budget,

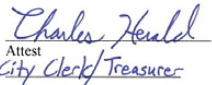
NOW BE IT ORDAINED BY THE JACKSON CITY COUNCIL, BREATHITT COUNTY, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The budget of the City of Jackson for fiscal year 2025-2026 is hereby amended to allow for the inclusion into the budget for the City of Jackson of a \$13,000,000 in CDBG-DR funds, received in connection with the City of Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant Project.

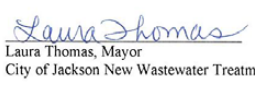
Section 2. That the budget for the City of Jackson for fiscal year 2025-2026 is hereby amended to allow for the expenditure of the aforementioned \$13,000,000 in Kentucky CDBG-DR funds for use on the City of Jackson New Wastewater Plant Project.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect following its passage and upon publication

Enacted this the 18th day of December 2025.



Attest
City Clerk/Treasurer



Laura Thomas, Mayor
City of Jackson New Wastewater Treatment Plant

First Reading: 12-11-2025
Second Reading: 12-18-2025
Published: 12-24-2025

Fair Housing Resolution #071725D

LET IT BE KNOWN TO ALL PERSONS OF the City of Jackson that discrimination in the sale, rental, leasing, financing of housing or land to be used for construction of housing or in the provision of brokerage services because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin is prohibited by Title VIII of the 1968 Civil Rights Act (Federal Fair Housing Law).

It is the policy of City of Jackson to implement programs to ensure equal opportunity in housing for all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988 expanded coverage to include disabled persons and families with children and HUD 2012 regulations expanded coverage to sexual orientation or gender identity. Therefore, the City does hereby pass the following Resolution.

BE IT RESOLVED that within available resources the City of Jackson will assist all persons who feel they have been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, disability or familial status to seek equity under Federal and state laws by filing a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity, Compliance Division.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Jackson shall publicize this Resolution and through this publicity shall encourage owners of real estate, developers and builders to become aware of their respective responsibilities and rights under the Federal Fair Housing Law and amendments and any applicable state or local laws or ordinances.

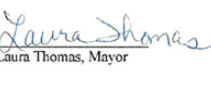
SAID PROGRAM will at a minimum include: (1) printing and publicizing of this policy and other applicable fair housing information through local media and community contacts; (2) distribution of posters, flyers, and any other means that will bring attention of those affected, the knowledge of their respective responsibilities and rights concerning equal opportunity in housing; and (3) prepare an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice and actions to mitigate such impediments.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This resolution shall take effect July 17, 2025.



Attest



Laura Thomas, Mayor



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