

OHV Ordinance From Front

describing the ordinance as a critical tool for law enforcement amid recent state-level legislation allowing for regulated OHV use. He emphasized the practical implications for Sheriff Willie Skeens and the broader community, noting that without a local ordinance to opt into the state framework, enforcing OHV laws would remain ambiguous and inconsistent.

“If we don’t opt in, anybody who operates on the road is going to be illegal, with the exception of the current existing statutes for farming,” Elleman stated, pointing out that state law permits OHV tagging regardless of local ordinances, but enforcement without local clarity would be problematic.

Sheriff Skeens addressed the court and shared insights from public feedback, stating that more than 200 residents had reached out in support of the ordinance. Many expressed their willingness to pay for inspections, tags, and insurance in exchange for the legal right to ride on public roadways without fear of citations or vehicle impoundment.

“This just simply creates a pathway for everybody that wants to ride responsibly and wants to be legal,” Skeens said. “The people I’m hearing from are willing to do what it takes.”

The ordinance aligns with new state requirements, which include safety features such as turn signals, horns, seatbelts, roll cages, and lights. Skeens noted that most newer side-by-sides already meet these criteria, while older models may require modifications. He also clarified that the required inspection is a one-time process, while the annual plate renewal — expected to cost approximately \$18 — provides a continuing legal basis for road use.

Sheriff Skeens and other court members distinguished between recreational riders and agricultural users. Farmers remain exempt under state and local law, allowing continued use of OHVs for farm operations without needing to obtain tags or meet inspection requirements.

Discussions also addressed concerns about underage drivers, safety, and potential increases in noise complaints. Skeens reassured the court that these issues — particularly those involving children operating vehicles in subdivisions — are already being enforced separately and would not be impacted by the ordinance. The noise ordinance remains in place, with the expectation that violations would continue to be addressed on a case-by-case basis.

Magistrates acknowledged a divide in public opinion, with some residents opposing the ordinance due to concerns about potential costs and increased traffic. However, others, particularly those in the riding community, have voiced strong support for the legal framework, citing improved clarity, safety, and recreational access.

One key concern raised during the meeting involved taxation of OHVs following their registration. Some residents questioned whether units assessed at high values would be taxed similarly to other motor vehicles. Sheriff Skeens acknowledged the uncertainty and stated that further clarification from state officials would be sought.

The ordinance also removes previously proposed local fees in favor of adopting the state’s standardized permitting structure. Insurance remains a requirement for compliance, though Skeens noted many OHVs are already covered under existing homeowners or farm policies.

Following a robust dis-

cussion, Magistrate Davis made the motion to approve the second reading, which was seconded by Magistrate Preston. The ordinance passed with a majority vote, though two magistrates, including Magistrate Glendan Barker and Wayne Day, voted against it.

With the passage of the ordinance, Garrard County becomes one of several Kentucky counties taking formal steps to regulate recreational OHV use in accordance with state law. Proponents say the move balances the interests of responsible riders with public safety and law enforcement clarity, while maintaining longstanding exemptions for agricultural operations.

Ordinance Details

The ordinance enables OHVs to operate on designated roads within the Garrard County road system and allows the county to seek state approval for OHV use on portions of state highways. According to the ordinance, “roads” include highways, bridges, cul-de-sacs, and turnarounds listed in the county’s Road Maintenance Program. Eligible OHVs must be motorized vehicles primarily designed for recreational use, capable of speeds over 35 mph, and equipped with specific safety features including brakes, lights, mirrors, and mufflers.

Before a road can be added to the OHV system, the Fiscal Court must provide public notice, including publication in local and county-wide newspapers, listing proposed roads and trails, and posting the information on the local government’s website. The ordinance also permits the Fiscal Court to petition the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to designate parts of state highways for OHV use.

Despite these procedures, the ordinance grants the Fiscal Court full discretion to approve or deny road additions to the system, stating it is not compelled to

accept any road regardless of meeting eligibility criteria. Likewise, the ordinance outlines a detailed process for road removal from the system, including public notice, site inspections, and public hearings.

OHV operation on public roads is restricted to individuals aged 18 or older who possess a valid driver’s license, have proper insurance coverage, and ensure their vehicle meets all safety standards outlined in the ordinance. OHVs are prohibited from operation between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunset unless the operator can show just cause, such as for emergency or agricultural purposes.

Additional safety regulations require helmets for passengers under 16 and eye protection for any operator or passenger if the OHV lacks a windshield. All OHV operators must adhere to standard traffic laws, including those prohibiting impaired driving.

To operate legally, OHV users must obtain a permit issued by the Garrard County Sheriff’s Office. Annual fees are set at \$30 for Kentucky residents and \$50 for nonresidents, with permits expiring each April 1. The sheriff is authorized to develop an online system to facilitate permit sales.

The ordinance includes a severability clause ensuring that if any section is deemed invalid or inapplicable, it will not affect the remaining provisions. It will take effect upon final passage and legal advertisement, following two public readings by the Fiscal Court. The measure was signed by County Judge/Executive Chris Elleman and attested by Fiscal Court Clerk Jennifer Seagraves.

McDowell Wellness Center Offering Swim Lessons

McDowell Wellness Center is offering group swim lessons this spring. The first session will begin on Monday, April 21, and conclude on Thursday, May 1. Lessons will be Monday through Thursday and participants can choose to attend a 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., or 6 p.m. class. Each lesson is 45 minutes and participants must be 4 years of age or older.

Please stop by McDowell Wellness Center to register and pay for the lessons. For more information, please call McDowell Wellness Center at (859) 936-WELL (9355).

McDowell Wellness Center also offers private swim lessons; however, the wait list for those classes is currently full

After School Driving Program

The driving program at Garrard County High School will be starting up again this spring for March and April. The cost is \$180. The class will start around the 1st of March and will once again be taught by former Garrard coach and driver’s training instructor Dave McDaniel. Masks will be required. City, country and interstate driving will be covered. The program can also help reduce insurance costs. Also students taking the course do not have to take the state’s four-hour Graduating Licensing Course. Students will learn maneuvering skills, drive in towns and cities as well as country settings. Students who have afternoon activities can sign up to take the class before school hours begin. Pamphlets and sign-ups are at the Garrard County High School (859) 792-2146 or the Garrard County Board of Education (859) 792-3018. For information contact McDaniel at (859) 329-9188.

Adams Announces Second Annual

“I Voted” Sticker Contest

Contest Open to All Kentucky Students

Secretary of State Michael Adams is inviting all Kentucky students to participate in the second annual “I Voted” sticker contest.

The contest is open to all Kentucky students from kindergarten to twelfth grade. To enter, students need to send in their best design for an “I Voted” sticker. The winning sticker design will be handed to voters in participating counties during the 2026 primary election.

“We saw great participation and creativity in our inaugural sticker contest last year,” said Adams. “I am excited to see what Kentucky students will come up with this year.”

Interested students can

submit their design at <https://www.sos.ky.gov/civic-initiatives/Pages/i-voted-sticker-contest.aspx> by May 23 at 5 p.m. EST. Please include your student’s name, school, address, and phone number with the submission. To be considered, pictures must be original work and include the words “I Voted.” Please upload the pictures in JPEG or PNG format.

The finalists will be chosen by the Secretary of State’s Office to go on a ballot which will be voted on during the 2025 Kentucky State Fair. The top vote getter’s design will be printed on stickers and sent to interested county clerks to provide to voters in May 2026.



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GARAGE SALE - Rain or shine - 382 Sugar Creek Road. Thursday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Baby swing, baby boy clothes, girl clothes 6-18, ladies and men clothing, shoes, purses, Bybee, Longaberger, primitives, toys, and household items. (4-17-1tp)

LEGAL NOTICE

SEEKING BIDS
Buckeye Fire Department seeking bids on building a classroom onto an existing building. Please contact Taylor Adams at (859) 339-7808 for blueprints. (4-17-2tc)

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FAMILY MINISTRY

GCCP/FAMILY MINISTRY CENTER is open for shopping on Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. We have clothing for the entire family, household good, and antiques, etc. We are closed the second week of every month. Call 792-3300 if you need anything.

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LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE
On April 14, 2025, The Garrard County Fiscal Court held the Second Reading and voted to adopt the following Ordinance at the regularly scheduled fiscal court meeting held at 15 Public Square, Lancaster, KY:
GARRARD COUNTY FISCAL COURT ORDINANCE #: 0-6-10-24-1

An Ordinance relating to the use of Off-Highway Vehicles on the County Road System.

Copies of the Ordinance are available in the Judge Executive’s Office during regular business hours. (4-17-11tc)

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| We positively will not permit fixed hunting of any character, fishing, dogs or trespassing on our farms. Any violations will be prosecuted. \$2.00 per week or \$51 per year for posted list. | |
| • Danny & Judy Browning's property at end of Conn's Lane..... | 10-25 |
| • Carolyn Sparks property at 5252 Lexington Road..... | 7-25 |
| • Paul Black Farms, Hwy. 1355 (Sugar Creek Road)..... | 10-25 |
| • Paul And Suzanne Wells at 4129 White Lick Road, Paint Lick..... | 10-25 |
| • Ronald Parson, 2 Farms - 1678 Copper Creek Road And 3164 Copper Creek Road..... | 11-24 |
| • Tammy Fowler, 749 Nina Ridge Road..... | 10-25 |
| • Dale Marie Hellard - Barbara French & William Randall Causey Farms at 2178 Hamilton Valley Road, 2636 Hamilton Valley Road And 1454 Hamilton Valley Road..... | 5-24 |
| • Mike and Pam Fathergill, 111 Lynnwood Drive..... | 6-25 |
| • Chris and Joy Fathergill, 317 Richmond Street..... | 6-25 |
| • Mary Alice (Paul) Drew, 810 Carry Nation Road Property..... | 6-25 |
| • Kathy Tuggle & Paula Tudor - Jim Clark Road..... | 11-25 |
| • Deborah Kelly property at 472 Hobert Estes Road..... | 5-24 |
| • David M. and Rose Walker, 1163 Wolf Trail Road..... | 2-26 |
| • Alan and Brenda Blakeman, 2 farms on Pollys Bend Road..... | 2-24 |
| • Gary Tackett property on Backcreek Road..... | 6-24 |
| • Frank and Altheia Rice property located at 390 Leavell Ridge Road, 372 Leavell Ridge Road and the Rice Farm on Three Forks..... | 9-24 |
| • Grover Drew Farm, Carry Nation Road..... | 3-26 |
| • Janis Young Farm 330 acres in 2 adjoining tracts west of Montgomery Branch and north of Scotts Fork..... | 11-24 |
| • The Barrel Farm (Across The Road LLC), 1685 Lexington Road..... | 2-25 |
| • The Brenda Farms, 4870 Harmons Lick Road & Hamilton Valley Road..... | 10-25 |
| • Vockery property on Polly's Bend Road..... | 10-25 |
| • Noah Wagoner and Kelsey Perkins, 10997 Buckeye Road..... | 11-25 |
| • Mary and George Watkins Property at 2961 Gabbard Road..... | 11-25 |
| Rates For Posted List - \$2 Per Week, First Property \$51 Per Year - \$10 Each Additional Property | |

Bluegrass Bottling LLC d/b/a Poor Ridge Bottling, 4263 Buckeye Road, Lancaster, KY 40444 hereby declares it's intention(s) to apply for a Distilled Spirits and Wine Storage License and Rectifiers License - class B, no later than April 18, 2025. The licensed premises will be located at 4263 Buckeye Road, Lancaster, KY 40444.

The Owner(s); Principal Officers and Directors; Limited Partners; or members; are as follows:

Owner: Chris Strevels of 2011 Poor Ridge Pike, Lancaster, KY 40444
Owner: Lisa Strevels of 2011 Poor Ridge Pike, Lancaster, KY 40444

Any person, association, corporation, or body politic may protest the granting of the license(s) by writing the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 500 Mero Street, 2 NE 33, Frankfort, KY 40601, within 30 days of the date of legal publication.

(4-17-1tp)