

# Non-resident student tuition set at BOE meeting

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Talk around charging non-resident students attending Spencer County schools has been prominent at many school board meetings ever since the reworking of the Shelby/Spencer County line last year.

At the BOE meeting on June 17, the board set forth the directive for the upcoming school year. Since this will be a new requirement, there was no local data to go by as far as how much to charge, or how exactly to schedule the payment due date. The reasons for the tuition

are to make sure that those parents who want to send their students here from other counties are serious about their education, and to help offset some of the expenses of housing those students in the school system. Base SEEK funding does the follow the student from

district to district, but the extra add-on funds, such as transportation, special needs, etc., do not, however. Also, since those non-resident students are added into the staffing formula prior to the school year that they will be attending, there is additional staff needed based on the students' attendance.

After a lengthy discussion, the board members voted unanimously (Elk Creek representative Jason Phelps was not in attendance) to set the tuition rate at \$2,500 per student, which is less than most of the surrounding counties, effective with the 2025-26 school year, and will be due in full before the first

day of school. The passage does have some stipulations attached:

- Any non-resident student who fails to maintain good standing regarding attendance, behavior, or grades may have their non-resident status revoked
- tuition will not be refunded or pro-rated

# Curing onions, garlic and potatoes for storage

Potatoes, garlic, and onions are staples worldwide partly because of their versatility and partly because of their storage-ability. Late July is when our spring planted onions, garlic and potatoes reach maturity and are ready for harvest. If you want to harvest some new potatoes, onions, or garlic before they reach maturity, enjoy them at the table in short order but if you want to store them it is important to harvest them at the correct time. Check your seed packet or variety information for details about how many days are expected for maturity, some varieties may be later. This year should have been a good one for onions because there was ample rain-fall earlier in the season as they established; and a bit

drier later in the season so they did not rot. I planted onions in intervals so I could harvest some as green onions and wait on others for the bulbs. These are now ready to be cured for storage. Garlic is the easiest in my experience. Wait for the tops to die back completely and then pull up your crop. If you harvest them green, you will find that the cloves have not fully formed so a complete dieback is critical. Leave them intact and lay them over a screen, or some similar device, for 1-2 weeks in a shaded well-ventilated location (I use the garage). Once the bulbs feel dry braid them all together or cut the stems leaving a couple of inches above the bulb and store them in a mesh bag. A cool, dark storage space with good ventilation is ideal. The signal that your onions

are ready for harvest can be seen above the soil, as well. The tops of the plants will begin to flop over and die back. Once about half of the tops have turned brown and flopped over the onion are at their peak for harvesting. You do not want to harvest too early because the bulb size will be small, they will cure slowly and will be more likely to decay before you use them. Putting off harvest too long also increases the chances of decay. Once the tops flop and have died out, dig the onions. During the curing process, you want to cut the tops back to about 2 inches and lay them out on a screen in that same dry, well-ventilated, shaded place your garlic enjoyed for about 2 weeks. I turned a fan on in the garage this year because of the high humidity. As they cure the necks shrink up and phenolic compounds accumulate there which helps to stop rot. Those onions with thicker necks

have a harder time protecting themselves from rot so go ahead and sort those out and use them first. Those that look clean can have the remaining tops snipped after 2 weeks of curing. Onions are most successfully stored at 32 degrees with a low humidity level. Rot and sprouting during the bulb's dormant period are more prevalent when they are stored at temperatures above 40. Plus, a warm onion really stings your eyes when you cut it up! Other ways to increase your onion harvest and successful storage is to start with the right variety at planting time. In Kentuckiana we should plant intermediate-day length onions (these onions set bulbs when day-length averages 12-14 hours) including the varieties 'Super Star', 'Candy', 'Red Candy Apple', 'Spartan Sleeper', 'Storage King', 'Sterling' and 'Big Daddy'; and most of these prove to be good storage

onions as well. Interestingly, the more pungent the onion the better it stores because of higher levels of the phenolic compound which helps to keep disease down in the bulb. Potatoes, depending on the variety, can be harvested early, mid, or late season taking as little as 70 days to maturity up to 135 days, but again, for storage wait until the tops have completely died back. Some gardeners recommend waiting another week or two after this before digging so that the skin has a chance to harden off. If you do not do this, then be sure to let them

cure once dug. Sort your potatoes and keep the bruised or cut ones for eating now; set the clean ones aside so they can cure for 1-2 weeks at 65-70 degrees and high relative humidity. Once they are cured, they are ready to be stored in a cool, moist, dark place that maintains a temperature between 40-50 degrees (ideally) but who can pull that off all the time. A cool place in the basement will suffice; just do not refrigerate, it will convert the starch to sugar.



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## CIRCUIT COURT INDICTMENTS

### THE FOLLOWING INDICTMENTS WERE FILED BY THE SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON MARCH 20, 2025:

- Justin P. Portman, 78 Dogwood Circle, Taylorsville, was indicted on:
- one count receiving stolen property \$10,000 or more, a class C felony;
  - one count trafficking in a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, under two grams, methamphetamine, a class D felony;
  - one count buy/possess drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor;
  - one count possession of marijuana, a class B misdemeanor;
  - one count persistent felony offender, first degree; all stemming from an incident on Feb. 9, 2025.
- Joseph G. Chesser, 8500 Mount Washington Road, Taylorsville, was indicted on:
- one count fleeing or evading police, first degree, motor vehicle, a class C felony;
  - one count possession of a controlled substance, first degree, third or greater offense, methamphetamine, a class D felony;
  - one count possession of a controlled substance, first degree, fentanyl, a class D felony;
  - one count tampering with physical vidence, a class D felony;
  - one count driving with a DUI suspended license, second offense, a class A misdemeanor;
  - one count buy/possess drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor;
  - one count rear license not illuminated;
  - one count persistent felony offender, first degree; all stemming from an incident on Feb. 23, 2025.

### THE FOLLOWING INDICTMENTS WERE FILED BY THE SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON APRIL 9, 2025:

- Steven Deshawn Hamilton, 4129 Larkwood Avenue, Louisville, was indicted on:
- one count possession of marijuana, enhancement, a class D felony;
  - one count buy/possess drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor;
  - one count speeding 15 mph over limit;
  - one count failure to wear seat belt; all stemming from an incident of Jan. 29, 2025.
- Mark E. Skaggs, 2284 Armstrong Lane, Mt. Washington, was indicted on:
- one count trafficking in a controlled substance, enhancement, first degree, first

- offense, greater or equal to two grams, methamphetamine, a class B felony;
- one count possession of a controlled substance, enhancement, first degree, fentanyl, a class C felony;
  - one count convicted felon in possession of a handgun, a class C felony;
  - one count buy/possess drug paraphernalia, enhancement, a class D felony;
  - one count trafficking in marijuana, enhancement, less than eight ounces, first offense, a class D felony;
  - one count possession of a controlled substance, third degree, first offense, drug unspecified, a class A misdemeanor;
  - one count public intoxication, controlled substances, excluding alcohol, a class B misdemeanor;
  - one count possession of a controlled substance, third degree, first offense, drug unspecified, a class A misdemeanor;
  - one count operating motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol, a class B misdemeanor;
  - one count persistent felony offender, first degree; all stemming from an incident on Jan. 8, 2025.
- David A. Gonzalez Rodriguez, 5514 Bloomfield Road, Bardstown, was indicted on:
- one count sexual crimes against animals, a class D felony; stemming from an incident on Feb. 5, 2025.
- Clinton Gilbert Rodgers, 118 Maple Avenue, Taylorsville, was indicted on:
- one count possession of a controlled substance, first degree, first offense, methamphetamine, a class D felony;
  - one count buy/possess drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor; all stemming from an incident of Jan. 30, 2025.


### THE FOLLOWING INDICTMENTS WERE FILED BY THE SPENCER COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT ON APRIL 16, 2025:

- Nathan T. Arnold, 344 Wilsonville Road, Taylorsville, was indicted on:
- one count tampering with physical vidence, a class D felony; stemming from an incident on Dec. 4, 2024.
- Dennis J. Polinsky, 460 Settlers Point Drive, Taylorsville, was indicted on:
- one count convicted

- felon in possession of a handgun, a class C felony;
- one count possession of marijuana, a class B misdemeanor;
  - one count buy/possess drug paraphernalia, a class A misdemeanor;
  - all stemming from an incident of Dec. 4, 2024.
- An indictment does not mean guilt or innocence. Instead, it means that at least nine of the 12 grand jurors felt there was*

*enough evidence to move forward with a criminal trial.*

*A Class A felony carries a punishment of 20 years to life in prison. A Class B felony has a possible prison term of 10-20 years with a Class C felony conviction being 5-10 years in prison. A Class D felony normally carries a prison sentence of 1-5 years; however, in drug possession cases, it is a 1-3 year sentence.*



## LEGAL NOTICE

Bid Contract  
**Spencer County Sanitation District**  
19 East Main Street, Suite 2  
Taylorsville, KY 40071


The Spencer County Sanitation District will receive sealed bids from qualified contractors for providing service to wastewater treatment facilities and related infrastructure. To be considered for qualification by the Spencer County Sanitation District ("SCSD"), all contractors must be currently pre-qualified with references of similar projects. All bidders must:

- Possess, at minimum, Level 1/1 million gallons per day (GPD) sewer plant operators, with Level 2/2 million GPD preferred;
- Possess, at minimum, Class #1 certifications for pump stations, with Class #2 preferred
- Possess proficiency in SCADA systems;
- Possess proficiency with ultraviolet systems;
- Possess proficiency with both Smith & Loveless pumps and Myers pumps;
- Have proven experience in filing DMR papers with the Kentucky Division of Water;
- Have proven experience with operating extended aeration packing facilities and SBR plants;
- Be willing to be on-call 24/7
- Own their own equipment necessary to operate and maintain the SCSD system;
- Be willing to attend monthly SCSD meetings or other meetings, as necessary;
- Possess an understanding of operating and maintaining generators at pump stations and sewer plants;
- Be able to respond in inclement weather to all facilities;
- Be located no more than sixty (60) minutes from the plant;
- Demonstrate ability to provide services including, but not limited to: inspection of the SCSD's sanitary sewer system; application of chemicals, as needed; wastewater treatment plant testing for process control; performing necessary clean up; making run time adjustments to the plants blowers and surge pumps; transporting waste sludge to the digester, when necessary; recording plant flow readings; inspecting the SCSD's pumps and controls at remote lift station(s) to ensure proper operation; informing the laboratory of monthly flow data that is to be entered on the DMR; communicating with the SCSD contact individual about issues and needed repairs to the SCSD system; and conducting major repairs, as necessary, at a price to be agreed upon in a contract with the SCSD
- Provide proof of business insurance with \$1,000,000 minimum policy limits, including general liability, auto liability, workers compensation, pollution liability; by the Spencer County Sanitation District named as an additional insured on all such policies, and an agreement that contractor will hold the Spencer County Sanitation District harmless and indemnify to the fullest extent of the law for any damages they may cause at the Spencer County Sanitation District

All are invited to submit a sealed bid, subject to the terms and conditions of this invitation to bid. Please review all the instructions carefully. Failure to comply with these instructions may disqualify your bid.

Sealed bids will be received by Monday, August 4, 2025, at the Spencer County Sanitation District office, 19 East Main Street Suite 2, Taylorsville, KY 40071 **Attention to: Bil Drury, Chairman Spencer County Sanitation District.** Bids will be opened and read aloud from the Spencer County Fiscal Court Room 28 East Main Street, Taylorsville, KY 40071 at 7:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as may practically be heard. The bidder shall send or drop off the sealed bid at the Spencer County Sanitation District Office, 19 East Main Street, Suite 2, Taylorsville, KY 40071 prior to the designated time for receipt of bids.

**No bids after this date and time will be considered.** Spencer County Sanitation District cannot assume any responsibility for any delay as a result of a failure of the U.S. Post Service or any other delivery service to deliver bids on time. **Facsimile bids are not acceptable.** Envelopes containing bids must be clearly marked on the outside of the envelopes that a bid is enclosed along with the title of the project. Bids mailed or delivered by a courier shall be inserted into two envelopes, with the inner envelope containing the bid. Bids may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty days after the designated time for receipt of bid. **Any questions concerning the bid shall be directed in writing until no later than 12:00 p.m. three (3) days prior to the bid opening.**



## LEGAL NOTICE

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A NUISANCE CODE FOR THE CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE, KENTUCKY; DECLARING CERTAIN ACTIVITIES AND CONDITIONS TO BE A PUBLIC NUISANCE; ESTABLISHING REMEDIAL ACTIONS AND PENALTIES; AND REPEALING SPECIFIED PREVIOUSLY ENACTED ORDINANCES.**

**ORDINANCE No. 466 – SUMMARY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to statute and for the purpose of promoting the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Taylorsville, Kentucky, the City Commission has deemed it necessary and proper to establish a public nuisance code which is summarized as follows:

**Sec. 1:** City Ord. 440, IS HEREBY REPEALED.

**Sec. 2:** NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAYLORSVILLE, that a new City of Taylorsville, Kentucky Ordinance shall be created to read as follows:

**NUISANCE CODE**

**Sec. 1:** Definitions

**Sec. 2:** Common Law and statutory nuisances may be treated as such and be proceeded against as is provided herein.

**Sec. 3: CERTAIN CONDITIONS DECLARED A NUISANCE.**

(A) Any act, thing, occupation, condition, use of property, non-use of property, misuse of property that continues for a length of time so as to:

- (1) Substantially annoy, injure, or endanger the comfort, health, repose or safety of the public or which is detrimental to the property of others or which causes or tends to cause substantial diminution in the value of other properties;
- (2) In any way render the public insecure in life, peaceful uninterrupted existence, or in the use of their property;
- (3) Offend the public morals or decency;
- (4) Unlawfully and substantially interfere with, obstruct or tend to obstruct, or render dangerous for passage any street, alley, highway, navigable body of water, or other public way, including but not limited to sidewalks.

(B) Dwellings unfit for human habitation; (C) Dangerous buildings adjoining streets; (D) Dilapidated buildings; (E) Dangerous trees or stacks adjoining street; (F) Accumulation of rubbish; (G) Noxious odors, smoke or dust; (H) Noise; (I) Storage of explosives or combustible material; (J) Weeds; (K) Open wells, pits; (L) Trees and shrubbery obstructing streets and sidewalks;

(M) (1) The keeping of cattle, poultry, other livestock or exotic animal, regardless of whether the animal is kept within a barn or other structure or enclosure, within one hundred (100) feet of a dwelling other than the dwelling of the owner of the animal. However, as to the keeping of poultry, this prohibition shall not apply to regularly licensed stockyards, slaughterhouses, meat-packing establishments, duly licensed public exhibitions, licensed targeted grazing.

- (2) The failure to keep the pen, yard, lot or other enclosure where any animal or pet is commonly kept, in a sanitary condition and free from preventable offensive odors.
- (3) Failure of any owner or person in charge of livestock to permit or allow the animals to run at large within the city limits.
- (4) Failure of any person, firm or corporation raising or keeping chickens, turkeys, ducks or other fowl or poultry to allow the fowl to run at large within the city limits or to keep them in any place not enclosed or where the poultry/fowl can trespass on any other property in the possession of any person other than the owner of the poultry/fowl.

(N) Junk; scrap metal; (O) motor vehicles; (P) Outdoor Furniture and Appliances; (Q) Noxious or unsightly growth; (R) Barbed or electric fences; (S) Outhouses / Outdoor Toilets; (T) Mud/ Debris on City Street or Right-of Ways; (U) Improper Disposal of Animal Carcass.

**Section 4: ABATEMENT PROCEDURE.** Code Enforcement Officer, et al, shall serve notice/citation on violator; if danger, or the possibility undue harm or expense, is present, the nuisance shall be abated within 72 hours; City may take immediate action to abate; notice served pursuant to KRS 65.8825(2); "notice to abate" sign, may be placed on property; City may abate if violator fails to do so; expenses may be assessed against violator; City shall have lien for fines and costs; City may collect liens by legal action; City Attorney authorized to institute collection proceedings.

**Sec. 5: NUISANCE CREATED BY OTHERS.** Property owner responsible for nuisances on property created by others.

**Sec. 6: SUSPENSION OF LICENSE.** Business license may be suspended by city Commission due to violation of this Ordinance; Notice to be given to business; business may request reinstatement by Commission.

**Sec. 9: PENALTY.**

(A) Any violation of a provision of this Ordinance is hereby classified as a civil offense pursuant to KRS 65.8808 and nothing contained herein or elsewhere in the Taylorsville City Ordinances, unless specifically so stated, shall prohibit the enforcement of this Ordinance by any other means authorized by law.

(B) Unless otherwise specified, whoever violates any provision of this chapter shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if the violation is not contested and not less than twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) if the violation is contested for each offense. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate violation.

(C) Any violation of Section 3 (S) of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) if the violation is not contested and not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) if the violation is contested for each offense. Each day's continued violation shall constitute a separate violation.

**CERTIFICATION**

This Summary was prepared pursuant to KRS 83A.060, by the undersigned, Robert Warren Myles, a licensed practicing Attorney in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and as the City Attorney for the City of Taylorsville, Kentucky. A complete copy of the above listed Ordinance No. 466, may be obtained during regular business hours at Taylorsville, City Hall, 70 Taylorsville Road, Taylorsville, Kentucky 40071

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