

Family continues to grow Gene’s Health Food

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The owners of Gene’s Health food, Karissa Costello, Andrew Keller and Olivia Vancil, all agree that their main goal when coming to work every morning is to treat all of their customers like family.

After all, the health-centered “one-stop-shop” was formerly owned by Costello’s and Keller’s grandparents, who started Gene’s Health Food in 1980.

“We’re just so thankful that we can continue to bring the Owensboro community quality products that we stand by,

just like our grandparents did before us,” said Costello.

And those customers and the relationships that they have built with them over the years have been the most valuable takeaway from owning the business.

“Our regular customers are pretty much family to us,” said Vancil who joined Gene’s in 2015 as the newest member of the trio of owners. “And it’s not just customers that are like family. We’ve developed those family-type relationships with our staff, too.”

Keller said that the staff has grown from about six or seven when he came

back to work at the store in 2007 to around 14 today.

“It’s great that we’ve been able to grow the business so much that we need the additional staff members,” Keller said. “That’s definitely a good problem to have.”

And, speaking of the growth of the business, the retail establishment has continued to grow and offer new ventures and products since moving into its current location at 1738 Moseley St. in 2019.

Gene’s Health Food offers a variety of specialized health food items, clean, organic and mindfully manufactured


beauty and household products, supplements and vitamins, along with a full menu of food options.

Keller said that, while the store’s previous location, where the shop was housed for around 30 years, had a small cafe, the food side of the

business has expanded since the move to the newest location. And most of the recipes have been designed and created by Keller.

“I’ve just always loved food and cooking, so being a part of the restaurant side of the

business has been rewarding,” he said. “Just being able to provide the community with more unique and healthy options has been gratifying, especially since the feedback from everyone is pretty positive.”



LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1-2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING ~~AMENDING~~ THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, KENTUCKY, ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7/1/24 THROUGH 6/30/25, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, the City Commission has reviewed such budget proposal and made necessary modifications,

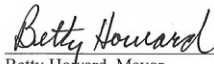
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO, KENTUCKY, that the annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 is **AMENDED to allow for CDBG grant funds for the Gravity Sewer Phase II Project which will generate additional revenue and expenditures in the Waterworks & Sewer Account** as follows:

	GENERAL FUND	STREET PAVING	LGEA	FIRE DEPARTMENT	WATERWORKS & SEWER
Revenues					
Balance Carried Forward	147,657	20,790	21,060	20,450	221,971
Property Taxes	22,000				
Municipal Ins. Tax	68,000				
Franchise, Telecom, Other Taxes	41,000				
Intergovernmental Revenue		10,500	1200	11,500	
Charges for services	1000				803,400
Other Grants				1200	4000
				0	1,616,900
Interest Earned	550	40	30	30	366,900
Law Enforcement	4500				400
Total Estimated Revenue	137,050	10,540	1230	12,730	2,424,700
					4,174,790
Total Resources Available for Appropriation	284,707	31,330	22,290	33,180	2,646,671
					4,396,671
Expenses/Appropriations					
General Govt./Admin.	112,000				
Fire Protection	0			18,500	
Streets & Sidewalks	17,000	10,500	0		
Travel & Training	1000				500
Cultural & Recreation	8000				
Public Utilities					712,550
Debt Services					77,900
Other					
Capital Outlay	65,000			0	1,600,000
					350,000
Econ. Asst. & Opport. Law Enforcement	4500				
Total Appropriations	207,500	10,500	0	18,500	2,390,950
					4,140,950
Interfund Transfers	(-13,200)			13,200	
Estimated Fund Bal. End of Fiscal Year	64,007	20,830	22,290	27,880	255,721

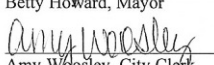
Approved the 24th day of February, 2025, with 5 members of the City Commission present and 4 voting for the passage of said ordinance on second reading.

This Ordinance shall be published in summary pursuant to KRS 83A.060.

This Ordinance shall be of effect on publication.



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Economic Development and Code Enforcement Officer

Job Summary:
The Economic Development and Code Enforcement Officer plays a pivotal role in fostering local economic growth while ensuring compliance with municipal codes and regulations. This dynamic position involves working closely with business owners, property managers, and community stakeholders to promote sustainable development, maintain public safety, and enhance the quality of life within the community.

Key Responsibilities:

- Economic Development:
- Collaborate with local business owners, developers, and community leaders to identify opportunities for economic growth and revitalization.
- Develop and implement strategies that encourage new business ventures and support the expansion of existing enterprises.
- Assist in the planning and execution of economic development projects and initiatives.
- Serve as a liaison between the community, government agencies, and the private sector to facilitate economic progress.
- Code Enforcement:
- Conduct regular inspections of commercial and residential properties to ensure compliance with zoning laws, building codes, and property maintenance standards.
- Investigate complaints regarding potential code violations and take appropriate enforcement actions, which may include issuing warnings, citations, or orders for corrective measures.
- Provide guidance and technical assistance to property owners and developers on code compliance issues.
- Prepare detailed inspection reports and maintain accurate records of enforcement activities.
- Community Outreach and Collaboration:
- Engage with the public through community meetings, workshops, and presentations to educate residents and business owners about code regulations and economic opportunities.
- Work closely with municipal departments, planning commissions, and other local agencies to coordinate efforts that support both economic development and code compliance.
- Respond promptly to community concerns and provide solutions that balance economic growth with safety and regulatory standards.

Qualifications:

- Bachelors' degree in Urban Planning, Public Administration, Business, or a related field (Master's degree preferred).
- Proven experience in economic development, code enforcement, urban planning, or a related discipline.
- In-depth knowledge of local, state, and federal regulations, including zoning, building codes, and property maintenance standards.
- Strong analytical, problem-solving, and decision-making skills.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, with the ability to present complex information clearly.
- Demonstrated ability to work both independently and collaboratively within a team environment.
- Proficiency with standard office software and any specialized inspection or planning software.
- Valid driver's license and willingness to travel throughout the community for inspections and meetings.


Work Environment:

- Position is part-time involving a blend of office-based tasks and fieldwork.
- Occasional evening or weekend work may be required to attend community meetings or respond to urgent enforcement issues.

This job description is intended to convey essential information about the scope and responsibilities of the position. It is not an exhaustive list of duties, skills, or qualifications associated with the role.

How to Apply:
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