

Public Notice

New state health commissioner named

Kentucky Health News

FRANKFORT - Gov. Andy Beshear announced Tuesday, June 17, that Dr. John Langefeld will become the new commissioner of the Kentucky Department for Public Health on July 1.

Langefeld succeeds Dr. Steven Stack, who will transition to his new role as the Cabinet for Health and Family Services secretary.

“Team Kentucky believes that health care is a basic human right – one which Dr. Langefeld has dedicated his life to,” Beshear said in a news release. “With his wealth of experience and proven commitment to the health and well-being of Kentuckians, I am confident that Dr. Langefeld will help us build on our efforts to keep Kentuckians informed, healthy and safe.”

Langefeld currently serves as the medical director for Health Insights and Innovation at CHFS. The release notes that he has more than 30 years of health care leadership experience, including having served as the chief medical officer of the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services.

“I am honored to continue serving Kentucky in this critical capacity. My focus will be on shifting our focus upstream, from not only treating illness but nurturing health and well-being,” Langefeld said in the release. “This means enhancing social supports, expanding mental health resources, prioritizing preventive screenings, enhancing health policy

through community engagement, and innovative, data-driven strategies. Our true measure of success will not just be the treatments we deliver, but how the people in our communities grow healthier, stronger and more resilient.”

KDPH is responsible for developing and operating state public health programs and activities for all Kentuckians. Its mission is to “improve the health and safety of people in Kentucky through prevention of negative health outcomes, promotion of healthy lifestyles and protection from diseases, injury and environmental health impacts

“Our work is about real people, with real lives, whose stories intersect at the crossroads of policy and practice,” said Langefeld.

GREENUP COUNTY FISCAL COURT
GREENUP COUNTY, KENTUCKY ORDINANCE #76

AN ORDINANCE OF GREENUP COUNTY, KENTUCKY,
RELATING TO STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, 2025 Ky. Acts. Ch. 85 (herein after “The Act”) became law on March 25, 2025 and allows for the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the Commonwealth of Kentucky if allowed by ordinance of the local government within whose jurisdictional boundaries the highway is located; and

WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective on Friday, June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, THE Greenup County Fiscal Court has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of Greenup County in accordance with the KRS 186.077, and this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of County of Greenup, Commonwealth of Kentucky:

SECTION I

Definitions

The definitions set forth in Section 1 of KRS 186.077, and as may be amended in the future by the Kentucky General Assembly, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION II

Designated Highways

Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall be allowed to the extent permitted by the Act on all highways that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Greenup County excluding any highways located within city limits of the eight recognized cities within this County unless permitted by the recognized city.

SECTION III

Exceptions

Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall not be allowed to operate:

(a) On any highway, or portion thereof, located within the jurisdictional limits of Greenup County unless allowed by this ordinance.

(b) On any highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway; or

(c) On any highway, or portion thereof, where the United States Department of Agriculture prohibits special purpose vehicles.

SECTION IV

Prohibitions

(a) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings.

(b) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program.

SECTION V

Effective Date

This ordinance shall be effective on upon passage by the Fiscal Court but no sooner than June 27, 2025.

The foregoing ordinance having received its first reading on the 10th day of June, 2025 was given its second reading and passed by the Fiscal Court of Greenup County on this 24th day of June, 2025.

/s/ Bobby Hall
Greenup County Judge/Executive

Attest
Shonia Pope
Greenup County Fiscal Court Clerk

First Reading: 6-10-2025
Second Reading: 6-24-2025
Published: 6-26-2025

ORDINANCE #2, 2025

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF BELLEFONTE, KENTUCKY AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

WHEREAS, AN AMENDED BUDGET PROPOSAL AND MESSAGE HAS BEEN PREPARED AND DELIVERED TO THE CITY COUNCIL; AND

WHEREAS, THE CITY COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED SUCH BUDGET PROPOSAL AND MADE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF BELLEFONTE, KENTUCKY;

SECTION 1:

THAT THE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 IS HEREBY ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

	GENERAL FUND	MUNICIPAL RD AID FUND
RESOURCES AVAILABLE:		
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	\$272,417.34	\$61,250.00
ESTIMATED REVENUES:		
PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 428,680.00	
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES	\$ 88,780.00	\$ 21,000.00
LICENSES AND PERMITS	\$ 1,000.00	
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$ 122,972.64	
OTHER	\$ 39,500.00	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$ 680,932.64	\$ 82,250.00
TOTAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	\$ 953,349.98	\$ 82,250.00
APPROPRIATIONS:		
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$ 149,646.89	
POLICE	\$ 504,924.66	
FIRE	\$ 42,500.00	
STREETS & SIDEWALKS	\$ 25,000.00	
SANITATION	\$ 77,000.00	
ENTERPRISES		
PARKS & RECREATION		
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 799,071.55	
EXCESS OF RESOURCES OVER/ UNDER APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 154,278.43	\$ 82,250.00
INTERFUND REVENUE		
ESTIMATED FUND BALANCES END OF FISCAL YEAR	\$ 154,278.43	\$ 82,250.00

SECTION 2:

THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL TAKE PLACE ON ____June 26, 2025____

/s/ Ryan Reames
RYAN REAMES, MAYOR

ATTEST:
/s/ Joyce Conley
JOYCE CONLEY, CITY CLERK

DATE OF FIRST READING: May 27, 2025
DATE OF SECOND READING: June 17, 2025
DATE OF PUBLICATION: June 26, 2025

ORDINANCE NO. 7, 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 10, 2024 ESTABLISHING THE WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED TO THE CITY OF RUSSELL CUSTOMERS, CITY OF BELLEFONTE CUSTOMERS, AND ALL CUSTOMERS INCLUDING THE CITY OF RACELAND, CITY OF FLATWOODS, AND BULK USERS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF RUSSELL, KENTUCKY:

SECTION I

That in order to provide a safe and adequate supply of potable water to the customers and users of water and distributed by the City of Russell Water Works, and to keep the water sinking fund and maintenance fund solvent, it is necessary and the City Council does hereby establish a schedule of reasonable charges from such water by volume use.

SECTION II

The following charges shall be made to customers and users of water furnished by the City of Russell:

MONTHLY WATER RATES

The following charges shall be made to customers for water consumed on and after November, 2024 July 1, 2025

GALLONS OF WATER	CITY OF RUSSELL	CITY OF BELLEFONTE & RESIDENTS AND OTHER USERS EXCLUDING THE CITY OF FLATWOODS, CITY OF RACELAND, AND BULK USERS.
• Up to 1,000	\$24.89	Minimum \$26.32
• Next 1,000	\$4.02	Per Thousand \$4.61
• Next 8,000	\$3.71	Per Thousand \$4.34
• Next 15,000	\$3.65	Per Thousand \$4.24
• Next 75,000	\$3.34	Per Thousand \$3.50
• Over 100,000	\$3.02	Per Thousand \$3.39

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL

CITY OF BELLEFONTE & RESIDENTS AND OTHER USERS EXCLUDING THE CITY OF FLATWOODS, CITY OF RACELAND, AND BULK USERS

CITY OF RUSSELL

\$24.89 [23.50] Minimum \$26.32 [24.85] Minimum

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR CITY OF RACELAND, CITY OF FLATWOODS, & BULK USERS

City of Flatwoods	City of Raceland
\$3.29 [3.10] Per thousand with contract	\$3.29 [3.10] Per thousand with contract
\$3.55 [3.35] Per thousand exceeds contract amt.	\$3.55 [3.35] Per thousand exceeds contract amt.
\$3.82 [3.60] Per thousand no contract	\$3.82 [3.60] Per thousand no contract

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\$3.03 [2.85] Per thousand with contract

\$3.28 [3.10] Per thousand exceeds contract amount

#3.82 [3.60] Per thousand no contract

SECTION III

All monies derived from the sale of water under this ordinance shall be paid into the water fund by the City of Russell for the purposes defined and established by existing ordinances.

SECTION IV

The City shall bill its water customers monthly on the 1st day of the month and the customer shall pay said bill and the same shall be due and owing on or before the 21st day of said month. If the 21st day falls on a weekend or holiday, said bill will be due the following business day. Services shall include single and multiple units.

The bill shall be delinquent the day after the due date and a penalty of ten percent (10%) shall be added for failure to pay when due.

Failure to pay the delinquent bill shall authorize the City to terminate water service on the fifth (5th) day of the following month beginning at 9:00 AM without notice, so long as the customer is more than \$25.00 delinquent. If the 5th day falls on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday or holiday, disconnections will be the next business day. An administrative fee of \$75.00 may be charged to delinquent accounts at 9:00 AM on the 5th day of the month for the processing and collection of the delinquent account. Reconnection will not be made until after all delinquent bills and other charges, if any, owed by the customer to the City have been paid.

Any owner of real estate may permit another to be responsible for the bill for said water, sewer, refuse, recycle, surcharge, sales tax, or school tax services by renting, leasing or otherwise divesting himself of the possession of all or part of his real estate. However, primary responsibility for payment of city utilities shall be the responsibility of the owner of the real estate when the utilities are allowed to be disconnected.

Notwithstanding any other Ordinance, the owner of the real estate shall, regardless of whether or not the water, sewer, refuse, recycle, surcharge, sales tax, or school tax is paid by his or her renter, be responsible for the full charges of the water, sewer, refuse, recycle, surcharge, or school tax utilities against the property.

In the case of multiple rental units, the City may, in its sole discretion, refuse to provide water service to any person seeking to rent, lease, or otherwise occupy said rental unit until such time as the city utility bills have been paid in full for the unit of real estate by the owner of the real estate or by others. The City shall also have discretion to not provide utility services to any single piece of real estate when a utility bill remains unpaid by the owner of said real estate.

No cash is to be placed in the overnight payment box.

Water meters are the property of the City of Russell and are not to be tampered with in any manner by the customer or their representative. Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

SECTION V

Security for payment of charges are as follows:

- Commercial and individual purchasers of water from the water works owned and operated by the City, who are tenants and not the owners of record of the premises for which water is purchased, shall secure the payment of the charges for water so purchased by making a cash, check, credit card or money order deposit of \$200.00 (\$170.00 deposit/\$30.00 Service Fee) with the Clerk of the water works, before said service shall be initiated. Further, if the owner requests the water service to be turned on for a short period of time, the owner shall have an open account which must be paid in full prior to the new renter being provided water service.
- Driver's license or State Issued ID must be provided for each turn on for owner or renter.
- Owners must provide proof of ownership either with deed or closing papers, and renters must provide a lease or rental agreement.
- Land contracts are considered a renter and must have a deposit.
- Owners must pay a \$30.00 service charge for initial turn on. If owner has multiple properties this applies to each account/ service location.
- The City will turn on and off a meter one time a year per account without a \$30.00 service charge. (Example: vacation for more than 4 weeks)
- If a payment is returned for non-sufficient funds or for any other reason, there will be an NSF/returned payment fee of \$25.00 for each item returned.
- Delinquent accounts must be paid in full by previous owners or tenants before moving into a new residence in the City of Russell.
- Delinquent balances that have been found unpaid by previous tenants will be placed on their new account if new account is within the City of Russell.
- In the event present water service is cut off for delinquency, water service will not be restored until the delinquent account is made in good standing.

SECTION VI

Future Rates for water service will be determined by one of the following, a cost-based analysis every triennial, and/or adjusted annually by the Consumer Price Index as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. If the Consumer Price Index reports a decrease, then the Mayor and Council will review the rates if it causes a decrease in revenue.

SECTION VII

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION VIII

The new water rates will become effective on the December 1, 2024 August I, 2025 billing.

SECTION IX

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage with two readings and publication.

Dated this 19th day of June 2025.
/s/ Samuel R. Simpson IV, Mayor
City of Russell, Kentucky

/s/ Jennifer Williams
City Clerk, City of Russell, Kentucky

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