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es responsibility on property owners to ensure trash, furniture and other refuse left following a tenant's move-out is properly contained, removed and disposed of.

The ordinance states that increased refuse from rental properties, particularly multi-unit apartment complexes, has resulted in higher collection, disposal and equipment maintenance costs for the city. It also cites public health concerns and neighborhood appearance as reasons for the new regulations.

Under the ordinance, property owners cannot allow refuse from a tenant move-out to remain on a curb, street, sidewalk or alley beyond the city's scheduled solid waste collection for that property. If move-out refuse is placed in those areas, the owner must remove it or contact the city's garbage contractor, Mills Brothers Garbage Inc., to arrange for removal.

According to the ordinance, refuse remaining for seven days is considered prima facie evidence, in other words it is considered proof that the property owner has violated the ordinance.

The ordinance distinguishes between residential units and multi-unit apartment

complexes, which it defines as properties containing eight or more dwelling units under common ownership or management.

Owners of multi-unit complexes will be charged a higher commercial rate because of the greater volume of refuse and increased service demands. Regardless of the amount collected, the ordinance sets the city's minimum charge at \$1,000 for refuse collected from a multi-unit apartment complex.

The city can require payment before removing refuse or invoice the property owner afterward. Unpaid fees can become a lien against the property.

Violations will be handled as civil offenses under the city's code enforcement ordinance. Each day refuse remains can constitute a separate offense. The city may also remove the refuse itself and bill the owner for the cost, with unpaid removal costs becoming a lien after 30 days.

The ordinance received its first reading Aug. 6 and second reading Sept. 10 and was adopted Sept. 10.

The council also amended the City of Barbourville's budget for the fiscal year running July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Ordinance 2026-9 increases total projected revenues and appropriations from \$6,235,216 to \$7,119,525, an increase of \$884,309.

The ordinance attributes the chang-

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es to several factors, including increased House Bill 900 funding, police incentive pay, higher garbage rates, increased school resource officer reimbursements and Kentucky Community and Technical College System funds. It also cites changes in the sale of surplus property, salaries and employee benefits, an HB 900 siren project, insurance premiums, a lawn tractor purchase and a contract agreement.

Among the amended appropriations, administration increases to \$2,860,444 and the Police Department budget increases to \$1,520,734. The Street Department is budgeted at \$1,204,252, while the Recreation Fund is listed at \$544,675 and the Tourist and Recreation Fund at \$765,000.

The amended budget took effect upon passage and publication. It received its first reading Sept. 10 and its second reading and adoption Sept. 15.

Ordinance 2026-10 establishes the city's annual ad valorem tax for real and personal property.

The ordinance lists a tax rate of .292 cents on each \$100 of assessed value for both real and personal property. The levy applies to the 2026 calendar year tax assess-

ment.

Taxpayers who pay before the due date listed on their bill will receive a 2% discount. Payments made within 30 days after the due date will be charged at face value.

Taxes unpaid more than 30 days after the due date will be subject to a 10% penalty. Taxes remaining unpaid more than 60 days after the due date will also accrue interest at an annual rate of 11%, calculated from the original due date.

Revenue from the levy will be used for city purposes and accounted for during the 2027 fiscal year, with delinquent collections accounted for in subsequent fiscal years.

The ordinance received its first reading Sept. 10 and second reading Sept. 15 and was adopted Sept. 15.

The council also replaced its existing ordinance governing pawn brokers and secondhand dealers.

Ordinance 2026-11 repeals Ordinance 2025-2 and establishes

regulations for pawn shops and businesses selling previously owned personal property within the Barbourville city limits.

Under the ordinance, every pawn broker and secondhand dealer must pay the city an annual \$1,500 license fee, due July 1. The city says the fee is intended to offset costs associated with maintaining a subscription to the LEADS online service, investigations, processing fees and ordinance enforcement.

Licensed businesses must also provide a \$1,000 bond to the city.

Violations of several sections of the ordinance can result in fines ranging from \$50 to \$500, with each day a violation continues considered a separate offense. Other specified violations carry fines of \$20 to \$100.

After a citation is issued, a business that leaves civil fines and license fees unpaid for 15 days can be ordered closed immediately, with future licenses denied until delin-

quent fees and fines are paid. The ordinance also allows the city to pursue unpaid amounts, attorney fees, court costs and other enforcement expenses.

Beyond licensing and penalties, the ordinance establishes recordkeeping and reporting requirements for property received by pawn brokers and secondhand dealers. It also regulates charges pawn shops may impose on loans and establishes property-retention requirements and transaction restrictions, including restrictions involving minors.

Ordinance 2026-11 received its first reading Sept. 10 and second reading Sept. 15.

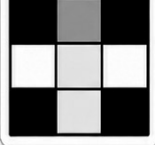
A special-called meeting for Wednesday, Sept. 23 will see the City Council entertain a lease agreement with the Barbourville Independent School District for the use of the Barbourville Fire Department No. 1 building at 198 Daniel Boone Drive for its annual Bingo nights during the Daniel Boone Festival. The lease agreement states that the City School will pay \$1,250 for use of the property from Oct. 5 through Oct. 10, with payment due on or before Oct. 5.

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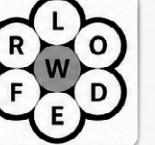
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