

hope. mercy.

When I think about getting a tattoo, which I will never, ever do, I've always wanted it to say, "hope."

Lowercase letters with a period.

Lately, I've been thinking about getting a second tattoo, which I will never, ever do. This one I want to say, "mercy."

Also lowercase letters with a period.

Why a period? I don't know. But there has to be one.

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I think about mercy a lot. I'm fascinated by merciful people. The ones who embrace people in ways I don't think I would.

Years ago, I read about Irish Catholic novice priests who failed to become ordained or who were dismissed for moral indiscretions. They were called "spoiled priests."

They were cast out, but instead of being outcasts, they were the ones people would go to when they messed up their lives.

Instead of seeking help from the "official" Catholic priests, they sought the ones who also knew what it meant to be damaged goods.

They were "spoiled," but not unusable.

They still had faith. They still knew forgiveness and grace.

No judgment. Just mercy.

It's as if their falling and failing somehow made them more approachable, more attractive.

I'll never forget a story I wrote for the newspaper about a woman named Crysinda, the pastor of a tiny Pentecostal church.

She grew up watching evangelists on television and felt called to be a traveling evangelist herself. At one time she preached three services a day, seven days a week.

She wanted to change the world for Jesus.

After a while, she became discouraged and disillusioned by the things she saw — corruption and abuse of power by other ministers.

"One in particular would tell poor people that unless they gave God their food stamps and jewelry, they couldn't receive a blessing," she said.

Fed up, she walked away from anything having to do with God or the ministry and jumped headfirst into using and dealing drugs.

And yet, something way, way deep within her



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wouldn't — couldn't — stop believing, she said.

"I know it wasn't what God wanted for my life, but the whole time I was getting high, I was still preaching the Word," she said.

"People would come to me with their spiritual questions and I'd open the Bible and we'd pray together."

That's my favorite part of her story.

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When I think of spoiled priests and failed evangelists, I think about my own life.

I've done things I'm not proud of. I have memories that make me cringe, others that bring shame.

I've felt like damaged goods.

Probably we all have at some time in our lives.

At times I've wondered if mercy ever runs out. As if

God would ever say, "Sorry. You've reached your limit."

This morning at church the pastor read, "His mercy is over all that He has made." (Psalm 145:9)

Then he said, "This is the word of God."

I had one of those "Whoa" moments and imagined a canopy of mercy, a shelter over all He has made.

It covered everything.

Truly, our hope is that we are never beyond mercy's borders. Because of mercy, we're still usable.

Still valuable.

Worthy.

That's not a wish, but a fact.

It's not a dream, but a statement.

hope. mercy. Period.

Contact Nancy Kennedy at 352-564-2927 (leave a message) or email at nkennedy@chronicleonline.com.

City of Corinth
Commonwealth of Kentucky
Ordinance No.

An Ordinance adopting the assessment of the Grant County, Kentucky Assessment in Levying Taxes for the year 2026. For the City of Corinth, Grant County, Kentucky, to be used for the General Fund in operation of said City.

Be it ordained by the City Commission of the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky as follows:

That the city of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky shall adopt the property assessment made by the assessment officers of Grant County, Kentucky, as properly assessed evaluation of all property within the City limits of the City of Corinth, Grant County, Kentucky, whereon taxes shall be paid for the year 2026. That a Tax of .265% for Real Property, for each \$100.00 of value and a tax of .326% for Tangible Property, for Businesses Only, is hereby levied for the General Purpose of the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky upon all Real Estate and Personal Property within the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky and all Personal Property (Except such tangible Personal Property has an actual Bona Fide Situs without the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky): of persons domiciled or actually residing in the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky, on the first day of January 2026: And on all Corporation having their Chief Offices or Places of Business in the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky, on the first day of January 2026, and on all Franchises of Same, (Except those exempt from taxation by the Constitution or Statutes of the Commonwealth of Kentucky); and also all Franchises or Corporations owned or exercised within Corporate limits of the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky, who have their Chief Place of Business outside the City of Corinth, Grant Co, Kentucky.

Tangible Property is hereby defined as: physical property, usually movable, that has value and utility in and of itself, including, but not limited to: trade tools, fixtures, office equipment, and inventory.

The following classes of property are specifically *excluded* from the definition of Tangible Property:

1. Real property.
2. Intangible property.
3. Personal household goods used in the home.
4. Crops grown in the year that the assessment is made and in the hands of the producer.
5. Tangible personal property owned by institutions exempted under Section 170 of the Kentucky Constitution.

All Taxes are due on December 31, 2026, after December 31, 2026, all taxes are considered delinquent and bear a 2% Penalty. After January 31, 2027, taxes bear a 10% Penalty.

First Reading: September 28, 2026
Second Reading: September 29, 2026

The City Commission Passed, Approved and Ordered Published on this 29th day of September 2026.

/s/ Dalaney Bishop
Dalaney Bishop, Mayor

ATTEST:
/s/ Tara Wright
Tara Wright, City Clerk

Grant County Board of Adjustment
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Grant County Board of Adjustments will hold the following public hearings:

1. **Darrin & Kelcie Disney** requesting a Dimensional Variance Permit to reduce the front yard setback from 50’ to 25’ for the property located at on the east side of Oak Ridge Rd, approximately 0.90 miles northeast of Ky Route 36 Kenney Rd. Grant County.

A full copy of all requests may be reviewed at the Planning Commission Office during normal business hours.

All public hearings will be held before said body on Monday-October 19th, 2026 at 6:00p.m., at the Grant County Courthouse, 101 North Main Street, Williamstown at which time those wishing to comment on these items shall appear and be heard.

--- Grant County Board of Adjustment

PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS
TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
CITY OF WILLIAMSTOWN

All interested parties will please take notice that Public Hearings will be held by the Williamstown Board of Adjustment at City Hall of the City of Williamstown, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, Kentucky, on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 6:30p.m., in order to consider the following applications submitted by Robert C. Sweet of McBride Dale Clarion, acting as Applicant Agent on behalf of Casey's, for property located at 100 Mercedes Drive, Williamstown, Kentucky 41097, that is owned by OP Land Greenville Shoppes II, LLC:

1. Conditional Use Request - Conditional Use Permit to allow a Class 16 hi-rise sign, proposed at 100 feet in height and approximately 353 square feet in area.
2. Variance Request - Variance to allow the proposed convenience store to be set back 28 feet from the Ford Drive right-of-way, where a 35-foot front-yard setback is required.
3. Variance Request - Variance to allow the proposed diesel fueling canopy to be set back 12 feet from the eastern property line, where a 15-foot setback is required.

All interested parties may appear at City Hall on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 6:30p.m, either in person or by designated representative, and be heard by oral comments or written statement, or may submit written signed comments addressed to the Chairman, Williamstown Board of Adjustment, 400 North Main Street, Williamstown, KY 41097, prior to such time.

/s/ Williamstown Board of Adjustment
City of Williamstown

SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

The City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, at a meeting held on September 23rd, 2026, adopted the following Ordinance No. 920-2026:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE, IN GRANT COUNTY, KENTUCKY, PROVIDING FOR THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF ALL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE, WHICH IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION THEREBY, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2026, AND ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2027, AND PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION OF SUCH TAXES, AND THE PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON; AND DESCRIBING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE TAXES SO COLLECTED SHALL BE APPROPRIATED AND USED.

The purpose of the Ordinance is to set the ad valorem taxes for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2027 for the City of Dry Ridge, upon the following described property which is subject to taxation within the City of Dry Ridge, and the owners thereof, jointly and severally:

- A. An ad valorem tax on real property, at the rate of **\$0.194 Dollars for each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** of the value thereof, as assessed pursuant to the provisions hereof; and
- B. An ad valorem tax on all **personal property** other than motor vehicles and water craft at the rate of **\$0.147 Dollars for each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** of the value thereof, as assessed pursuant to the terms and provisions hereof; and

Further, the Ordinance establishes the collection methods, discount of Two Percent (2%) for payments made in October, 2026, and penalties of 12 Percent per annum after December 31, 2026.

This Ordinance is being published in Title and Summary. A complete copy of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the City Clerk, City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky

CITY OF DRY RIDGE, KENTUCKY
By: /s/ Megan Simpson, City Clerk

Prepared and Certified by:
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SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE

The City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, at a meeting held on September 23rd, 2026, adopted the following Ordinance No. 921-2026:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF DRY RIDGE, KENTUCKY, ADOPTING THE VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT MADE BY THE KENTUCKY REVENUE CABINET FOR THE CALENDAR-YEAR OF 2027 FOR ALL MOTOR VEHICLE AND WATERCRAFT SUBJECT TO THE CITY'S TAXING AUTHORITY AND HEREBY FIXING, ESTABLISHING AND LEVYING A TAX RATE UPON ALL SUCH MOTOR VEHICLES AND WATERCRAFT FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR OF 2027

The purpose of the Ordinance is to set the property tax upon the value of motor vehicle and watercraft within the limits of the city for each calendar-year beginning on the 1st day of January of such calendar year.

A property tax at the rate and amount of \$0.147 per each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), or fractional part thereof, of the said valuation/assessment made, is so hereby set, established, fixed and levied for the calendar-year 2027 upon the valuation/assessment of each and every motor vehicle and watercraft within the incorporated limits of the City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, as of January 1, 2027, the date upon which the herein property tax and the rate thereof is so hereby fixed and levied on and upon all covered motor vehicle and watercraft and is to be collected, and, thereafter remitted to the City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky, by the sheriff, county court clerk, or other offices or entities to whom such tax is paid, or collected from, or remitted by the taxpayer or taxpayer's agent.

This Ordinance is being published in Title and Summary. A complete copy of the Ordinance may be reviewed at the office of the City Clerk, City of Dry Ridge, Kentucky

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CHURCH NOTES

7 Hills Church Minister Seth Wegland, info@7hillschurch@tv, meets at Grant County High School Services 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.	Women's Meeting on the third Thursday of the month 6:30 p.m.
Antioch Church of Christ Minister Devin Hurley	Christ Community Pastor Harold Gambrell, (502) 316-2079
Bethany Baptist Pastor Wayne Oaks, 859-814-9948	Corinth Christian Church Pastor Quintin McNabb, (859) 824-0336
Branch Community Impact Church Lead pastor: Mark Bamforth, 14174 Dixie Hwy., Crittenden, MARK.BAMFORTH@gmail.com	Corinth Shiloh Full Gospel Pastors Greg and Heidi Cheeks, (859) 878-6611
Cherry Grove Pentecostal Church of God Pastor Larry Hammonds, (859) 743-4695	Crittenden Baptist Church "Knowing Christ, Loving God, Loving Others, Serving Both" 215 Russell Road, Crittenden, KY 41030 https://www.crittendenbaptistky.com 859-428-3122 Matt Holleran, Senior Pastor Larry Reese, Youth Minister Sunday Morning: 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (all ages) 11 a.m. Morning Worship (Nursery & Children's Church provided) Wednesday Night Family Worship: 7-8 p.m. CBC Kids (K-5th grade) 7-8 p.m. Youth (6th-12th grade) 7-8 p.m. Adult Bible Study
Clover Mission Pastors Scottie Hall and Eli McLaughlin, (859) 628-0353 Manna Food Mission: Contact Shirley Bowling, (859) 878-6543	Crittenden Christian Disciples of Christ The Rev. Denny Gosney, (859) 428-2210 SEE CHURCH/PAGE B9
Corinth Baptist Bro. Jim Sears, corinth baptistchurch25@yahoo.com Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Bible Study every Sunday 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Adults on Mission every other Tuesday 6:30 p.m.	

POSTED NO TRESPASSING

****No Trespassing Persons are notified that the land and property belonging to the below listed persons are posted against hunting, fishing, trapping, 4-wheeling or dirt bike riding, walking, horseback riding, woodcutting, dumping or any other kind of trespassing. Owners are not responsible for any accidents.**

Violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

POSTED PROPERTY LISTINGS ARE BELOW.

Property of Doering Family Ltd. Partnership on Dry Ridge Mt. Zion Rd., Dry Ridge.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 5340 Stewartsville Rd., Williamstown.

Dimitt Property 7120 Warsaw Rd Dry Ridge (Old Kelly Martin Farm).

DEGLOW, RICHARD & LINDA. Farm at 1495 Heekin Road, Williamstown, KY.

MCINTIRE PROPERTY located on Old Cynthiana Rd. and Oak Ridge Pike.

MARTIN PROPERTY - Lots on Sunny Hill Drive, Dry Ridge, KY.

West-Marsh Property located at 2975 Falmouth Rd., Williamstown, KY

Henry Family Farm at 1115 Smokey Rd., Williamstown, KY 41097

PICKETT Property located at 10490 Taft Hwy, Williamstown (Route 22 & White Chapel Road)

Janice & Jack Bowling property located on White Chapel Road.

Littrell Property located at 800 & 940 Ashbrook Rd. Williamstown, KY 41097 NO TRESPASSING & NO HUNTING

The Darlington Properties located at Lawrenceville Rd (East of Eagle Creek) Williamstown, Ky. and 10765 Taft Hwy., Williamstown, Ky.

Kathy and James Havens, 5843 Baton Rouge Rd.

PROPERTY LOCATED AT - 202 McGee Rd., Crittenden, Ky. and 207 McGee Rd., Crittenden, Ky.

340 Cash Drive Dry Ridge, KY 41035

Bryan Schum Property, 285 Shawnee Run Road, Dry Ridge, KY. NO TRESPASSING and NO HUNTING