

Public notice

Deadly synthetic opioid found in central Kentucky

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LEXINGTON – The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has issued a warning that a new synthetic opioid named cychlorphine has been detected in Central Kentucky.

The public safety advisory, which was posted on the agency’s Facebook page, said cychlorphine is approximately 10 times stronger than fentanyl and is contributing to overdose deaths in neighboring regions, including eastern Tennessee.

Further, the homeland security office says that because this drug is frequently mixed with other illegal narcotics, this places users at extreme risk of unintentional exposure.

Officials are currently uncertain whether Narcan — the

overdose-reversing medication — is fully effective against cychlorphine. However, John Moses, harm reduction team leader at the Lexington-Fayette County Health Department, told Annie Brown with WLEX-TV that anyone who suspects an overdose should administer Narcan immediately.

“Since it is a synthetic opioid, we hope it will work, but the potency of it may require more doses than we would normally give,” Moses told Brown.

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security offers this advice to first responders, health care providers and law enforcement personnel:

- Exercise extreme caution when handling any unknown or illicit substances.
- Utilize appropriate personal protective

equipment (PPE) to prevent accidental exposure.

- Treat all suspected cychlorphine-related overdoses as medical emergencies.

• Immediately report any confirmed or suspected cases to local public safety authorities.

The Kentucky Department for Public

Health offers other ways to be prepared:

Always keep naloxone, a drug that can reverse the effects of an opioid overdose, on hand and administer

it if you suspect an overdose. Naloxone is available at local health departments. Also, health officials advise people who use drugs not to use them alone.



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COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

GREENUP:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A HEARING WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY MARCH 30, 2026 AT 1:00 PM BEFORE THE HON. PAUL CRAFT, JUDGE, REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING SETTLEMENTS. EXCEPTIONS MUST BE FILED WITH THE GREENUP CIRCUIT COURT CLERK, ALLEN K REED, ON OR BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE.

CASE NUMBER	ESTATE	NATURE OF ACCOUNT	FIDUCIARY
23-P-00007	PATTY CLAY	FINAL SETTLEMENT	GERALD JONES
24-P-00007	LOWISE JENKINS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	TAWANNA TALBERT
24-P-00031	HERMAN BAYS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	JUNE BOWLING
24-P-00147	CLYDE POTTER	FINAL SETTLEMENT	DIANNA POTTER
25-P-00073	VIRGINIA A STEWART	FINAL SETTLEMENT	EVERETT PHILLIPS
25-P-00079	RICKY NICKELS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	SHELLEY NICKELS
25-P-00236	LAWRENCE BAYS	FINAL SETTLEMENT	GREGORY BAYS

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NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
COUNTY OF GREENUP**

I ALLEN K. REED, CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT, CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN APPOINTED FIDUCIARIES, CREDITORS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST SAID ESTATES MUST FILE SAME WITH FIDUCIARY WITHIN (6) SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF APPOINTMENT:

CASE NUMBER	DATE OF APPOINTMENT	ESTATE	FIDUCIARY	ATTORNEY
26-p-00015	02-02-26	Bryan Edward Franz	Allison Franz/Rene Short	JAMES LYON, JR
26-P-00016	02-02-26	JACK W TAYLOR	YVONNE TAYLOR	TRACY FRYE
26-P-00018	02-02-26	KATERI MCKEE	JANE MCKEE SLATER	MICHAEL ARRINGTON
26-P-00019	02-03-26	AMANDA KEIBLER	DONALD KEIBLER	JAMES LYON, JR
26-P-00022	02-02-26	AVANELL BENTLEY	DANNY BENTLEY	
26-P-00021	02-09-26	SANDRA SEIBERT	JASMINE NUTZ	
26-P-00023	02-02-26	GARY FETTERS	CHRIS FETTERS	
26-P-00024	02-02-26	GENEVIEVE W OBROFF	GREGORY HALL	
26-P-00025	02-02-26	MARY HUNT	MELINDA WHITT	
26-P-00026	02-02-26	DAVID K ALLEN	HOLLY POINDEXTER	
26-P-00027	02-02-26	JEFFERY B FURNISH	MELISSA FURNISH	
26-P-00028	02-09-26	SHERRI A HALL	DARRELL HALL	LANCE MCCOMIS
26-P-00030	02-04-26	IONA SMITH	ELAINE M SMITH	HILL WARNOCK
26-P-00031	02-09-26	MILBRA TOMLIN SR	RUSSELL TOMLIN	
26-P-00032	02-16-26	JOHN EASTLEY	R STEPHEN MCGINNIS	R STEPHEN MCGINNIS
26-P-00033	02-16-26	PAULA EASTLEY	R STEPHEN MCGINNIS	R STEPHEN MCGINNIS
26-P-00034	02-23-26	TONY LEE ABDON	REGINA ABDON	DARYLE M RONNING
26-P-00035	02-23-26	HELEN J STAMBAUGH	ROBERT STAMBAUGH	BRUCE BLACKBURN
26-P-00038	02-23-26	ANN C TOWNSEND	LINDA KENDALL	R STEPHEN MCGINNIS
26-P-00039	02-23-26	DONNA GORE	CASSIS E GORE	MICHAEL ARRINGTON
26-P-00040	02-23-26	MALETHA ALL	KAREN MCCLURG	ALYSSA THOMPSON
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26-P-00046	02-24-26	WAYNE A WILLIS	CHARLES WILLIS	HILL WARNOCK
26-P-00151	02-23-26	PATRICIA SHOPE	THOMAS F WILLSON III	JEFFREY HENSLEY

ORDINANCE NO. 1, 2026

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE WATER RATES TO BE CHARGED TO THE CITY OF RUSSELL CUSTOMERS, CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF RUSSELL, AND ALL OTHER CUSTOMERS INCLUDING BULK USERS FOR USAGE BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026.

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 January 1, 2026.

GALLONS OF WATER	CUSTOMERS INSIDE THE CITY OF RUSSELL	CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CITY OF RUSSELL, NOT INCLUDING BULK CUSTOMERS
• Up to 1,000	\$26.11 Minimum	\$27.64 Minimum
• Per Thousand Over Minimum	\$4.22 per Thousand	\$4.84 per Thousand

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL

CITY OF RUSSELL	CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THE CITY OF RUSSELL EXCLUDING THE CITY OF FLATWOODS, CITY OF RACELAND AND BULK USERS
\$26.13 Minimum	\$23.64 Minimum

MONTHLY WATER RATES FOR BULK USERS

\$ 3.45 Per thousand with contract
\$ 3.73 Per thousand exceeds contract amount
\$ 4.01 Per thousand no contract

SECTION III

Russell may be required from time to time to purchase water from a backup supplier in order to supply Russell’s users. In the event that Russell must purchase water from a backup emergency supplier at a higher cost than the current rates established in Section II of this Ordinance, Russell may charge each user a Purchased Water Adjustment rate equal to the increased cost charged to Russell from such backup supplier, to be billed based on each user’s actual usage for the month in question, in order to account for Russell’s increased cost from the backup supplier.

SECTION IV

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 V

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 VI

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 I 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 VII

Future Rates for water service will be determined by one of the following, a cost-based analysis or by the Consumer Price Index as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and will be evaluated as needed. 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 VIII

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

SECTION IX

The new water rates will become effective on the April 1, 2026 billing.

SECTION X

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

Dated this 22nd Day of January, 2026.

/s/ Samuel R. Simpson IV
Mayor City of Russell, Kentucky

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

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