

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
CITY OF LONDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2025-12**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY'S ETHICS ORDINANCE 2023-10

WHEREAS, the City of London has authority under KRS 65.003 to establish a Code of Ethics and to provide other provisions related thereto;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS:

Section I

Section V of Ordinance 2023-10 is amended to read as follows:

SECTION V: BOARD OF ETHICS

(A) A Board of Ethics was previously created by City Ordinance. The Board of Ethics shall have the authorities, duties and responsibilities as set forth in this Ordinance to enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and fulfill other obligations as stated in Kentucky Statutes.

(B) The Board of Ethics shall consist of five (5) members who shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to the approval of the City Council, or as provided in (D) of this ordinance. Not more than three (3) members shall be elected or appointed officers, whether paid or unpaid. No member of the Board of Ethics shall be a City Officer or a City employee of the City or any City board, commission or agency. The members shall serve for a term of three (3) years, or until their successors are legally appointed, whichever is later. Each member of the Board of Ethics shall have been a resident of the City of London for at least one (1) year prior to the date of appointment and shall reside in the City throughout the term of office. The members of the Board of Ethics shall be chosen by virtue of their known and consistent reputation for integrity and their knowledge of local government affairs. The members may be reappointed for any number of consecutive terms.

(C) A member of the Board of Ethics may be removed by the Mayor for misconduct, inability, willful neglect of duties or a violation of this Ordinance or upon recommendation by a majority vote of the Board of Ethics supported by written reasons for such recommendation, subject to the approval of the City Council.

(D) Vacancies on the Board of Ethics shall be filled within sixty (60) days by the Mayor subject to approval by the City Council. If the vacancy is not filled by the Mayor with approval of the City Council, within sixty (60) days the remaining members of the Board of Ethics shall fill the vacancy. All vacancies shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(E) Members of the Board of Ethics shall serve without compensation, unless otherwise approved by the City Council, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary and reasonable

expenses incurred in the performance of their duties. Subject to approval of the Mayor and the availability of funding from the City Council, the Board of Ethics may be provided legal counsel and that the City shall be responsible for such attorney fees.

(F) The City shall provide a policy of liability insurance for the members of the Board of Ethics in the faithful performance of their duties and responsibilities pursuant to this Ordinance.

(G) The Board of Ethics shall annually elect a Chairperson from among the membership. The Chairperson shall be the presiding officer and a full voting member of the Board. The Chairperson shall conduct all meetings of the Board of Ethics and maintain order at such meetings. The Chairperson may obtain city police presence at any meetings deemed necessary by the Chair.

(H) Other than the Chairperson, no member of the Board shall have any authority to act on behalf of the Board unless authorized by the Board.

(J) Meetings of the Board of Ethics shall be held, as necessary, upon the call of the Chairperson or at the written request of a majority of the members of the Board, or at the request of the Mayor or a majority vote of the City Council.

(K) ~~[The presence of three (3) or more members shall constitute a quorum and the affirmative vote of three (3) or more members shall be necessary for any official action to be taken.]~~ A quorum shall consist of the majority of the members who have been appointed to the Board of Ethics. Any member of the Board of Ethics who has a conflict of interest with respect to any matter to be considered by the Board shall disclose the nature of the conflict, shall disqualify himself or herself from voting on the matter and shall not be counted for purposes of establishing a quorum and shall remove themselves from such portion of the meeting until such discussion of the matter is completed.

(L) Minutes shall be kept for all proceedings of the Board of Ethics and the vote of each member on any issue decided by the Board shall be recorded in the minutes.

Section II: Effective Date, Repealer, and Invalidation Provision

This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon publication. Further, any ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be repealed to the extent of such conflict. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not effect the validity of the remaining ordinance.

Mayor Randall Weddle

Attest: _____
Ashley Taylor, Acting City Clerk

First Reading: November 3, 2025

Second Reading: _____, 2025

Publication Date: _____, 2025