

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY**

**CITY OF LONDON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-14**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY, AMENDING SECTION 21.001 AND DELETING SECTIONS 21.200, 21.201, 21.202, 21.203, AND 21.204, OF THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND CREATING NEW SECTIONS WITHIN CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY OF LONDON, KENTUCKY CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO NON-ELECTED OFFICERS, AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 2023-02, AND SETTING FORTH THE TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT OF THE CITY ATTORNEY**

*WHEREAS*, the City Council of the City of London, Kentucky is required by KRS 83A.080 to establish the non-elected officers and their duties and responsibilities and believes adjustments are necessary to those provisions; and

*WHEREAS*, City Ordinances already set forth duties and responsibilities for the Chief of Police in Ordinance 21.300, et. seq., the Fire Chief in Ordinance 22.107, and the City Clerk's duties were set forth in Ordinance 2023-20 which the Council finds do not require adjustment;

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

**Section I:** Section 21.001 of the City of London Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

There are hereby established the following non-elected offices of the city:

(A) City Clerk;

~~[(B) City Attorney;]~~

~~[(C)]~~ (B) Chief of Police;

(C) Fire Chief;

(D) Public Works Director;

(E) Building Inspector;

Each non-elected officer of the City shall take the Kentucky Constitutional oath of office. Each non-elected officer of the City shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, as required by KRS 83A.080(3). Each non-elected officer shall hold their office for a term of two years, and may be re-appointed thereafter.

**Section II:** Sections 21.200, 21.201, 21.202, 21.203, and 21.204 of the City of London Kentucky Code of Ordinances, as codified, are repealed in their entirety.

**Section III:** There is hereby enacted a new section of the City of London Kentucky Code of Ordinances, 21.401, to read in full as follows:

- (A) The duties of the Public Works Director shall be to supervise the street and sanitation departments, and to direct the method, times, and manner of their performance of duties. The Public Works Director shall be answerable to the Mayor and to the City Council for the conduct of all members of the street and sanitation departments, and shall be held responsible to the Mayor and Council for the efficient and proper management of the street and sanitation departments. The Public Works Director shall have responsibility for ensuring competitive bidding to the lowest and best bidder, on all public works street or other construction projects, and for supervision of any public works contractors to ensure any work is done consistent with good engineering practices and bid specifications. The Public Works Director shall assist the Mayor and City Council with formulation of the budget for the street and sanitation departments. The Public Works Director shall also be responsible for reporting to the City Council, monthly, as to the performance of the street and sanitation departments, and for recommending, each budget cycle, appropriate street projects for repaving. The Public Works Director shall be responsible for obtaining and managing grants, including Municipal Road Aid funds, for the City. The Public Works Director shall perform other duties as lawfully assigned by the Mayor consistent with the role of Public Works Director.
- (B) The Public Works Director's compensation shall be salary, to be determined in the City's Pay and Classification Plan.

**Section IV:** There is hereby enacted a new section of the City of London Kentucky Code of Ordinances, 21.601, to read in full as follows:

- (A) The duties of the Building Inspector are to enforce Kentucky and City of London building and zoning codes to include the Uniform State Building Code, the Uniform State Residential Code, and the International Property Maintenance Code. The Building Inspector shall serve as the Code Official and Inspector for the duties and responsibilities set forth in Chapter 72 of the Code of City Ordinances, and perform such other duties as are set forth in other sections of the City of London Code of Ordinances. The Building Inspector shall also supervise the Building Department and code enforcement officers, and shall assist the Mayor and City Council with formulation of the budget for the Building Department. The Building Inspector shall also be responsible for reporting to the City Council, monthly, as to the performance of the building and code enforcement departments.
- (B) The Building Inspector's compensation shall be salary, to be determined in the City's Pay and Classification Plan.

**Section V:** Ordinance 2023-02 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

**Section VI:** There is hereby enacted a new section of the City of London Code of Ordinances, to read as follows:

The City Attorney shall be retained by the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, through an engagement agreement that is approved by the Mayor and City Council, for a term of such agreement that shall be for the term of the fiscal year in question. No funds appropriated to the City Attorney shall be utilized or spent absent such an approved engagement agreement. In no event shall any such compensation exceed appropriations for that fiscal year.

**Section VII:** That any ordinances in conflict with this ordinance be repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**Section VIII:** That this ordinance shall be effective on the date of its publication. 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.

First Reading: December \_\_\_\_, 2025  
Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025  
Publication: \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY CLERK