

**COMMONWEALTH OF
KENTUCKY CITY OF LONDON
A SUMMARY OF ORDINANCE NO 2026-03**

**ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2026-01,
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2025-16, REGARDING
AN AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025
THROUGH JUNE 30, 2026, BY ESTIMATING REVENUES AND
RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE
OPERATION OF CITY GOVERNMENT**

This Summary is prepared by Christopher Wiest who is certified to practice law in this Commonwealth. This Ordinance was made necessary because prior ordinance 2026-01 contained certain appropriation discrepancies, as it was drafted in haste given certain court-imposed deadlines, and failed to contain certain appropriations that were necessary.

This Ordinance amends Section 1 of Ordinance 2026-01, which contains the line item and department appropriations for the amended budget. Specifically, this ordinance amends Line Item 1, to reflect the balance carry-forward of \$1,670,000 for general funds, and \$1,800,000 for Garbage funds, and makes available for appropriation the total amount of \$19,700,127.06 for general funds, \$7,243,000.00 for Garbage funds, \$177,000 for Municipal Aid funds, and \$1,370,000 for alcohol funds.

The ordinance increases total Part B general appropriations to \$9,506,897.06 from general funds.

The ordinance retains Part C, legal appropriations at \$238,500.00.

The ordinance increases Part D, total administrative appropriations to

\$688,700 from general funds, and reduces appropriations to \$0 from Garbage funds.

The ordinance retains Part E, total Building/Code appropriations at \$328,500.00.

The ordinance increases total Part F, general fund police appropriations to \$3,077,500.00.

The ordinance increases total Part G, general fund fire appropriations to \$2,628,300.00.

The ordinance retains total Part H, general fund rescue fund appropriations at \$384,400.00.

The ordinance retains total Part I, general fund Public Works appropriations at \$2,403,500.00, but renames Part I to the Street Department.

The ordinance retains total Part J, Sanitation garbage fund appropriations at \$7,188,000.00.


The ordinance makes total general fund appropriations in the amount of \$19,230,297.06, garbage fund appropriations in the amount of \$7,188,000.00, municipal aid appropriations in the amount of \$177,000, and alcohol appropriations in the amount of \$1,370,000.

The ordinance leaves a fund balance to be carried forward for the next fiscal year for \$ 443,830.00 in the general fund and \$55,000 in the Garbage fund.

The ordinance makes certain line item description adjustments, and makes certain adjustments to the appropriations restrictions contained in

Ordinance 2026-01 to correct typographical errors.

The full and complete Ordinance 2026-03 and Exhibit thereto, is on file at the Office of the London City Clerk and can be viewed there during normal business hours.



Christopher Wiest

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CITY OF LONDON
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03**

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WHEREAS, a budget message was prepared and delivered as provided in KRS 91A.030(7); and

WHEREAS, the City Council has not been provided the adequate and thorough quarterly operating statements required by KRS 91A.030(11); and

WHEREAS, the City of London has been the subject of lawsuits, and there have otherwise been unexpected cost items and certain revenue items, necessitating a budget adjustment pursuant to KRS 91A.030(10);

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

Section I

Section II of Ordinance 2025-16 and Section I of Ordinance 2026-01 are repealed in full, and replaced with the attached **Exhibit A** budget, which shall amend the budget for the period of July 1, 2025 to the period ending July 31, 2026, which is incorporated by reference and is hereby adopted, subject to the funding restrictions in Section II hereof. No part of the budget or line item shall be exceeded and each line item is a separate appropriation and limitation on spending.

Section II

Section II of Ordinance 2026-01 is amended to read in full as follows:

The following budget and appropriations restrictions are hereby adopted, as provided herein, related to the expenditures of funds herein:

- (A) The appropriation contained in Line 91 is expressly conditioned upon the retirement and release of a certain mortgage and note executed on July 8, 2025, and recorded in the office of the Laurel County Clerk, Book M1430, Pages 22 through 52. Some or all of the funds in Line 91 may be paid directly to Cumberland Valley National Bank to obtain the release of the note and mortgage. No funds shall be appropriated or transferred to the Tourism Commission under this line item until or unless the aforesaid note and mortgage is released and the note fully paid.
- (B) The appropriations contained in Line Items 112, 127, 142, 166, 194, and 213 are conditioned upon (i) preparation and submission to the City Council, quarterly, of the operating reports required by KRS 91A.030(11) and shall include an actual expenditure

to line item expenditure comparison; (ii) full and strict compliance with the City's Pay and Classification Plan ordinance; and (iii) each department head, their acting designee, or other designated representative of each of the City's departments appearing at each regularly scheduled meeting, and providing a report to the public and City Council regarding the department's activities and financials in the preceding month, to include, truthfully answering questions by members of the City Council posed to them.

- (C) The appropriations of the alcohol funds portions of the appropriated funds, set forth in Line Items 142, 146, and 164, are expressly conditional upon compliance with 804 KAR 10:031 and the creation and retention of the form required by that section for the use of alcohol funds [~~and a copy thereof being provided to the City Council~~].
- (D) The appropriations contained in Line Item 107 is expressly conditioned upon a monthly report to the City Council, that lists all open lawsuits against the City or any of its officials, the next steps in that lawsuit, and any estimated timeframe for resolution; and any reserves of city funds necessary to cover any losses or expenses.
- (E) The appropriations in Line Items 166, 180, 184, and 187 are expressly conditioned upon no delivery of advanced life support services, with the exception of mutual aid requests, and in no event shall any funding in Part G be used to establish advanced life support services, which are being adequately provided by outside contractor. Nothing in this section shall prevent services in the event of lifesaving emergency.
- (F) The appropriations in Line Items 142, 162, and 164 are expressly conditioned upon no policing occurring outside of the city of London, except for: (i) prisoner transport; (ii) pursuit activity that begins within London city limits; (iii) detective activities, and then only for the ~~two~~ appointed detectives within the pay and classification plan, which involve criminal investigations of crimes within the city that require travel outside the city; (iv) mutual aid requests; (v) continuing education held outside the city; and (vi) as is otherwise required by law. Further, the appropriations in Line Items 142, 162, and 164 are expressly conditioned upon the restriction that no employee time or city funds shall be utilized for personal security by the London Police Department to the Mayor or his family. Further, the appropriations in Line Items 142, 162, and 164 are expressly conditioned upon compliance with London Ordinance 2025-15, and amendments thereto.
- (G) The appropriations in Line Items 134, 138, 151, 164, 165, 175, 180, 201, 202, 220, and 223, are expressly conditioned that all city owned vehicles remain at the designated city location for which department it is assigned if not being used for the purposes of city business, with the exception of employees that are assigned to on call duty, specifically street department employees during inclement weather or individual on call, and detectives for the police depart. For the avoidance of doubt, take-home vehicles are prohibited except for personnel who are on-call.

(H) No City or Council Attorney funds in Line Items 107 and 109 shall be spent for attendance to City Council Meetings unless there is a scheduled executive session.

(I) The Mayor shall certify to the City Council, monthly, on or before the third business day of the month, and in writing under oath and notarized, that the City is in full compliance with the appropriation restrictions contained in paragraphs (A) through (H) of this Section II[F].

(J) The appropriations restrictions in paragraphs (A) through (I) of this Section II[F] shall be enforceable in an action for specific performance, declaratory relief, and/or injunctive relief, by any taxpayer of the City of London, or the City Council. Willful violations, including any person that aids or abets such violations, of the appropriations restrictions in paragraphs (A) through (H) of this Section II[F] shall be a Class A misdemeanor, and punished with a jail term of not less than six months and a fine of up to \$500.

Section III:

A new section of ordinance, regarding Solid Waste Fund is enacted to read as follows:

Administrative Fee: The Solid Waste (Garbage/Sanitation) Fund shall reimburse the General Fund for administrative and overhead services provided to the sanitation program, including but not limited to the services of the Mayor, administrative staff, finance, legal, payroll, human resources, and related support and any equipment. The reimbursement shall be an amount not to exceed twenty percent (20%) of the Solid Waste Fund's annual operating budget, as adopted by the City Council in the annual budget ordinance. The administrative fee shall be prorated and transferred to general funds.

Sanitation Funds shall be transferred to general funds for reimbursing sanitation costs to the city since all funds come out of general funds.

Section IV: Effective Date, Repealer, and Invalidity Provision

This ordinance shall be effective upon enactment. 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 City Clerk

First Reading: January 7, 2026

Second reading: January __, 2026

Publication Date: _____, 2026