



City of La Grange City Council Meeting

January 5th, 2026, at 6:30 PM

City Hall Building- 307 W. Jefferson Street

- 1. WELCOME**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- 3. ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**
- 4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 5TH, 2026 AGENDA**
- 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 1ST, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 7. CITY ADMINISTRATION- CINDY ALVANO**
 - PAYABLES
 - FINANCIAL REPORT -2025-2026 F/Y TRIAL BALANCES
 - BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT
- 8. MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT-SARAH GARRETT**
- 9. TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT- DONNA SABO**
- 10. PRESENTATION OF PARKS GRANT AWARD FROM THE PEYTON SAMUEL HEAD FAMILY TRUST FOUNDATION**
- 11. LAGRANGE UTILITIES REPORT-SCOT TREECE**
- 12. DIRECTORS REPORT-**
 - KATIE BECHTOLD-TRANSPORTATION SUPERVISOR
 - GREG COLLETT- POLICE DEPARTMENT
 - COREY RUSNAK- PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
 - STEVE MAHONEY- PARKS DEPARTMENT
 - STEPHANIE WENTHER- CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

- 13. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE NO.1-SERIES 2026 FOR FIRST READING**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER.
- 14. REAPPOINTMENT OF JOE DAVENPORT TO THE LAGRANGE UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM FROM 1/1/2026 TO 12/31/1/2026.**
- 15. REAPPOINTMENT OF JULIE EDDS HECKMAN TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM 1/1/2026 TO 01/01/28.**
- 16. REAPPOINTMENT OF JEANNE ALLERT TO THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM FROM 1/1/2026 TO 01/01/28.**
- 17. COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - PARKS & RECREATION- TREY KAMER
 - ORDINANCE COMMITTEE- LAURA TAYLOR
- 18. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 19. OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY OLD BUSINESS**
- 20. OPEN DISCUSSION RELATED TO ANY NEW BUSINESS**
- 21. ANNOUNCEMENTS-**
NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE MONDAY FEBRUARY 2ND, 2026.
- 22. ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 01, SERIES 2026**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES
OF THE OFFICE OF CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 83A.080 and La Grange Ordinance Code §31.35 allowing for the establishment and organization of nonelected city offices, the office of the Ordinance Enforcement Officer (now known as the Code Enforcement Officer) was created in 1998 by code §31.43(A), and an office of Code Compliance Mediator was created in 2007 with similar powers and duties; including business licenses, nuisances, littering, building safety, and other code violations;

WHEREAS, the La Grange Code Enforcement Board was established in 2014 by code §§35.45 to 35.58 pursuant to the enabling provisions of KRS 65.8801 to 65.8839, with powers to issue remedial orders and impose civil fines as a method of enforcing city ordinances, zoning regulations, and property maintenance, but those ordinances were repealed and replaced in 2020 by code §§35A.01 to 35.39 to reflect major changes in state law concerning the administration of local code enforcement boards; and

WHEREAS, over time the city offices of Ordinance Enforcement Officer and Code Compliance Mediator were merged into the position of the Code Enforcement Officer operating under the quasi-judicial arm of the La Grange Code Enforcement Board, no longer reporting to the police department, whose evolving duties and responsibilities now need to be updated to reflect the expanded administrative functions of that office.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY**

The following sections and subsections of Chapter 31 of the La Grange Ordinance Code are hereby revised:

Section I: Code §31.43(B) shall be amended and replaced in its entirety to read as follows:

(B) The Code Enforcement Officer shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- (1) Enforce city ordinances which do not constitute criminal offences;
- (2) Perform patrol work and inspections for code compliance and violations; investigate complaints regarding properties or occurrences in the city;
- (3) Issue notices of violations and citations for observed violations of city ordinances involving property maintenance, unsafe housing, zoning regulations, nuisances, littering, signage, parking, and other safety related violations
- (4) Provide support and enforcement of written orders and requirements of agencies responsible for buildings and inspections, fire and emergency management, stormwater and erosion control, historic preservation, alcohol

beverage control, and other government agencies having concurrent jurisdiction in the City of La Grange;

(5) Issue licenses and permits for business licenses, temporary vendors, special event vendors, street closures, encroachments, golf carts, horse drawn carriages, livestock, fireworks, and other restricted activities.

(6) Maintain registrations of all rental properties, vacant properties, short term rentals properties, businesses, vendors; and other classes of property in the city limits.

(7) Assist in collection of revenue from business license taxes, compensation taxes, transient room taxes, delinquent property taxes, civil fines, fees and costs.

(8) Present cases to the Code Enforcement Board, schedule meetings and hearings, serve notices and subpoenas, publish advertisements, present testimony, witnesses, and evidence of violations at public hearings of the Code Board in accordance with the enforcement proceedings set out in code §§35A.25 and 35A.28 of the La Grange Code Enforcement Board Act of 2020;

(9) Any other administrative duties or responsibility designated by the Mayor or jobs described in the employee handbook.

Section II: Code §31.43(C) shall be amended as follows:

(C) The 81dinance Code Enforcement Officer shall take the oath set forth in §228 of the Kentucky Constitution.

Section III: Code §31.43(D) shall be amended as follows:

(D) The Otdinance Code Enforcement Officer shall be paid an annual salary as passed in the annual budget ordinance for the city.

Section IV: Code §31.44 Code Compliance Mediator is hereby repealed.

This Ordinance shall be effective following enactment and publication as prescribed by KRS 424.

First Reading

Second Reading _____

Vote: For ____ Against ____ Abstain ____

Approved and adopted this ____ day of _____, 2025

JOHN W. BLACK, Mayor

Attest:

Heather Woodcox, City Clerk

2025-19 Code Enforcement Officer.wpd