



# LA GRANGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CITY HALL / COMMUNITY CENTER

307 WEST JEFFERSON STREET

LA GRANGE, KY 40031

MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024 @ 6:30 p.m.



## AGENDA

1. **WELCOME**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF MARCH 2024 AGENDA**
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 5, 2024, CITY COUNCIL MEETING**
6. **CITY ADMINISTRATION**
  - A. PAYABLES
  - B. FINANCIAL REPORT TRIAL BALANCES
  - C. BANK BALANCES AND INVESTMENT REPORT
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT- OPERATION PARENT**
8. **MAIN STREET DIRECTOR'S REPORT- TERESA BOLING**
9. **TOURISM COMMISSION REPORT-**
10. **DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**
  - A. SCOTT TREECE- LA GRANGE UTILITIES
  - B. COREY RUSNAK- PUBLIC WORKS
  - C. CHIEF GREG COLLETT- LA GRANGE POLICE DEPARTMENT
  - D. STEPHEN HALL- PARKS AND RECREATION
  - E. STEPHANIE WENTHER- CODE ENFORCEMENT
  - F. DENNIS MCCORMICK- FINANCIAL DIRECTOR
11. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 2-2024-**

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RELEASE OF LIGHTER THAN AIR OBJECTS
12. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 3-2024-**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LAGRANGE REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING, AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES.
13. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE 5-2024-**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS.

14. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCE 6-2024 FOR FIRST READING-**  
AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 3.726 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT ZHALE SMITH ROAD AND HIGHWAY 53
15. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT-**
  - A. PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT- TREY KAMER
  - B. BUDGET REPORT- JOE DAVENPORT
  - C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT – ANDREA ESSENPREIS
  - D. STREETS & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT – BILL LAMMLEIN
  - E. ORDINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT – ELSIE CARTER
16. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
17. **OLD BUSINESS**
18. **NEW BUSINESS**
19. **ANNOUNCEMENTS –**  
NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2024
20. **ADJOURNMENT**

**CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE NO. 2, SERIES 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO RELEASE OF LIGHTER-THAN-AIR OBJECTS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of La Grange finds that release into the atmosphere of certain lighter-than-air objects, specifically, (1) balloons made of plastic, mylar, or non-biodegradable materials that may have adverse ecological consequences if eaten by wildlife or marine creatures, and (2) sky lanterns using open flames to heat the air in a bag or container to become airborne that may start wildfires upon descent, and should be prohibited. This ordinance amends and replaces draft Ordinance No. 2023-17, which failed to pass in January, 2024.

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

A new section of Chapter 92 (Nuisances) is hereby created:

**RELEASE OF LIGHTER-THAN-AIR OBJECTS.** No person shall knowingly release or launch into the atmosphere above the City of La Grange any plastic, mylar or non-biodegradable balloons filled with a gas that is lighter than air, with the exception of balloons released for scientific or meteorological purposes. Additionally, no sky lanterns that utilize open flames to produce heat for lighter-than-air objects shall be released into the atmosphere above the City of La Grange.

This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and enforceable thirty (30) days following publication as prescribed by KRS 424.

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

So approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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JOHN W. BLACK, MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk or Designee

**CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE  
CITY OF LA GRANGE REVISING, AMENDING, RESTATING, CODIFYING,  
AND COMPILING CERTAIN EXISTING GENERAL ORDINANCES**

**WHEREAS**, KRS 83A.060 enables the legislative bodies of local governments and cities to enact, amend, restate, codify, index, and compile any existing ordinances and all new ordinances not heretofore adopted or published and to incorporate such ordinances into one ordinance in book or manuscript form;

**WHEREAS**, KRS 83A also requires that periodically each city shall cause all its ordinances in its ordinance code to be examined for consistency with state laws and with one another and revised to eliminate redundant, obsolete, inconsistent, and invalid provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council contracted with *AmLegal* for the general examination, revision, compilation, and re-codification of its code of ordinances, which was completed in April 2023. The City now desires to formally adopt said revised code of ordinances so as to continue providing for the daily operation of the city and preservation of the public peace, health, safety and general welfare of the people.

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

**SECTION 1.** The general ordinances of the City of La Grange, as revised, amended, restated, codified, and compiled in manuscript form dated April 2023 are hereby adopted as and shall constitute the “Code of Ordinances of the City of La Grange, Kentucky.”

**SECTION 2.** The Code of Ordinances as adopted shall consist of the following Titles:

Title I:	General Provisions
Title III:	Administration
Title V:	Public Works
Title VII:	Traffic Code
Title IX:	General Regulations
Title XI:	Business Regulations
Title XIII:	General Offenses
Title XV:	Land Usage

**SECTION 3.** All prior ordinances pertaining to the subjects treated in such Code of Ordinances shall be deemed repealed from and after the effective date of this ordinance except as they are included and reordained in whole or in part in such Code; provided, such repeal shall not affect any offense committed or penalty incurred or any right established prior to the effective date of this ordinance, nor shall such repeal affect the provisions of ordinances levying taxes, appropriating money, annexing or detaching territory, establishing franchises, or granting special

rights to certain persons, authorizing public improvements, authorizing the issuance of bonds or borrowing of money, authorizing the purchase or sale of real or personal property, granting or accepting easements, plat or dedication of land to public use, vacating or setting the boundaries of streets or other public places; nor shall such repeal affect any other ordinance of a temporary or special nature or pertaining to subjects not contained in or covered by the Code.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance adopting the aforesaid compilation of ordinances as published in final manuscript form in April 2023 shall be effective upon passage and publication as prescribed in KRS 424. The effective date of each existing ordinance shall be the date it was passed as denoted in each ordinance. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and ordered to file the official copy of the aforesaid Code of Ordinances in the Office of the City Clerk, which shall constitute presumptive evidence in all courts and places of the ordinance and all provisions, sections, penalties and regulations contained therein.

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

SO APPROVED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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JOHN W. BLACK, MAYOR

Attest:

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City Clerk or Designee

**ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES 2024  
CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of La Grange, Kentucky has the authority to enact ordinances setting compensation levels for elected officials in accordance with the provisions of KRS 83A.075 and Section 246 of the Kentucky Constitution; and

**WHEREAS**, the city council members receive a fixed stipend for their public service that has remained the same for decades despite a 46% increase in the city's population requiring additional government services and infrastructure to be overseen by the City Council, with even greater population growth and economic development anticipated from a new I-71 ramp.

**WHEREAS**, it is not unreasonable to expect that the compensation for future council members should be increased to reflect their additional duties and responsibilities for the people living and working in the city of La Grange.

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

As of January 1, 2025, City Council Members of the City of LaGrange shall be compensated at an annual rate of \$8,100.00, with no benefits, payable in equal monthly installments, which sum shall be eligible for annual cost of living adjustments calculated by the Kentucky Department for Local Government.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and enforceable upon publication in accordance with KRS 424.

FIRST READING: \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND READING: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTE: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

SO APPROVED this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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JOHN W. BLACK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK OR DESIGNEE

**CITY OF LA GRANGE, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE NO. 6 SERIES 2024**

**AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING 3.726 ACRES OF PROPERTY  
LOCATED AT ZHALE SMITH ROAD AND HIGHWAY 53**

**WHEREAS**, according to KRS 81A.410, any home rule city may extend or expand its boundaries to include any area which is adjacent or contiguous to the existing boundaries of the city and, further, under KRS 81A.412, a city may annex property if the landowner gives prior written consent to the annexation; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner of two (2) tracts of property located at 1702 and 1704 Zhale Smith Road, respectively, has requested that the property be annexed into the City and has given his prior written consent to the annexation. The property to be annexed is adjacent to or contiguous with the boundaries of the City and meets the requirements of KRS 81A.410.

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

The City of La Grange hereby annexes the following two (2) tracts of property into the boundaries of the city:

**TRACT 1:** 1702 Zhale Smith Road

A certain tract of land located in Oldham County, Kentucky on the east side of Highway Kentucky 53, on the south side of Zhale Smith Road, approximately 0.2 miles southeast of the City of La Grange, and further described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pin located at the intersection of the east right of way line of Highway Kentucky 53 with the south right of way line of Zhale Smith Road, thence along the south right of way line of Zhale Smith Road North 50 degrees 06 minutes 23 seconds East 248.35 feet to an iron pin, thence with a curve to the right an arc distance of 216.15 feet (having a chord bearing and distance of North 88 degrees 03 minutes 15 seconds East 203.87 feet) to an iron pin, thence South 53 degrees 44 minutes 57 seconds East 161.69 feet to an iron pin, comer to Thomas W. Crum, thence leaving said right of and in line with the land of Thomas W. Crum South 39 degrees 02 minutes 10 seconds West 214.85 feet to an existing iron pin, corner to the remaining land of Anna D. Crum, thence in line with said remaining land of

Anna D. Crum (new division lines) North 89 degrees 20 minutes 03 seconds West 198.07 feet to an iron pin, and South 80 degrees 40 minutes 49 seconds West 173.46 feet to an iron pin located in the east right of way line of Highway Kentucky 53, thence along the east right of way line of Highway Kentucky 53 North 09 degrees 22 minutes 28 seconds West 123.73 feet to the point of beginning, containing 2.50 acres more or less, subject to all legal rights of way, passways, easements, and restrictions of record or apparent.

Being Tract II of the same property conveyed to Kevin L. Eldridge, Trustee under the J. Milburn Eldridge and Ethel C. Eldridge Inter Vivos Family Trust, by Deed of Conveyance dated January 1, 1995, of record in Deed Book 486 Page 172 of the Oldham County Clerk's Office.

**TRACT 2:** 1704 Zhale Smith Road

Being Tract 2 as shown on the Consolidation Plat for Joshua T. Honaker by Vinsand Engineering & Land Surveying, Inc., dated June 23, 2008, recorded in Deed Book 929 Page 92 of the Oldham County Clerk's Office, containing 1.226 acres.

Being the same property conveyed to Kevin Eldridge, Trustee of the J. Milburn Eldridge and Ethel C. Eldridge Inter Vivos Family Trust, by Deed dated July 9, 2008, of record in Deed Book 929 Page 92 of the Oldham County Clerk's Office.

This annexation shall be final upon publication as prescribed by KRS 424.

First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Vote: For \_\_\_\_\_ Against \_\_\_\_\_ Abstain \_\_\_\_\_

So approved this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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JOHN W. BLACK, MAYOR

Attest:

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