

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD JUNE 22, 2026

The Common Council of the City of Somerset, Kentucky met in a regular meeting on Monday June 22, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. with the following present: Council Members David Burdine, Brian Dalton, Brannen Wheeldon, Jimmy Eastham, Margaret Dick, Phyllis Lawson, Patrick Hunley, John Minton, Jim Mitchell, David Godsey, Amanda Bullock, Mayor Alan Keck, City Attorney John Adams, and City Clerk Nick Bradley. Absent: Tom Eastham.

Mr. Mitchell made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of June 8, 2026. Ms. Bullock seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Burdine, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. J. Eastham, Ms. Dick, Ms. Lawson, Mr. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Godsey and Ms. Bullock.

Ms. Bullock made a motion to approve the following Ordinance Number 26-10: AMENDING THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KY. Mr. Wheeldon seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Burdine, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. J. Eastham, Ms. Dick, Mr. Hunley, Mr. Godsey and Ms. Bullock. "No": Ms. Lawson, Mr. Minton, and Mr. Mitchell. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-10			
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY		TRAVEL AND TOURISM	\$ 183,430.00
WHEREAS, AN ANNUAL BUDGET HAS BEEN ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY, AND		EMS	\$ 11,000,000.00
WHEREAS, THE COMMON COUNCIL HAS REVIEWED PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES AND HAS MADE NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS,		THE VIRGINIA	\$ 981,700.00
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY		MUNICIPAL AID (MAY)	\$ 297,042.00
SECTION 1		HOUSING (MAY)	\$ 21,000.00
SECTION 2		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 108,712,250.00
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Mr. Hunley made a motion to approve the following Ordinance Number 26-11: BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY; ALL WHICH SHALL BE IN EFFECT AFTER ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW. Mr. J.

Eastham seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Burdine, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. J. Eastham, Ms. Dick, Mr. Hunley, Mr. Godsey and Ms. Bullock. "No": Ms. Lawson, Mr. Minton, and Mr. Mitchell. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 26-11
BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 ESTIMATING REVENUES AND RESOURCES AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY. ALL WORK SHALL BE IN EFFECT AFTER ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

WHEREAS, AN ANNUAL BUDGET PROPOSAL AND MESSAGE HAVE BEEN PREPARED AND DELIVERED TO THE COMMONS COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY, AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. THAT THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027 IS HEREBY ADOPTED AS FOLLOWS:

	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES
GENERAL FUND	\$ 8,718,880.00	\$18,218,880.00
SANITATION SERVICE	\$ 7,432,400.00	\$ 7,432,400.00
WATER SERVICE	\$ 15,873,350.00	\$ 15,873,350.00
GAS SERVICE	\$ 14,441,500.00	\$ 14,441,500.00
WASTEWATER	\$ 9,855,100.00	\$ 9,855,100.00
WATER PARK	\$ 3,004,500.00	\$ 3,004,500.00
FUEL CENTER	\$ 1,840,100.00	\$ 1,840,100.00
TRAVEL AND TOURISM	\$ 428,200.00	\$ 428,200.00
LMN	\$ 11,342,700.00	\$ 11,342,700.00
THE VIRGINIA	\$ 815,900.00	\$ 815,900.00
MUNICIPAL AND MAPS	\$ 430,150.00	\$ 430,150.00
HOURS OF THE	\$ 46,055.00	\$ 46,055.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	\$ 101,769,005.00	\$ 101,769,005.00

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SECTION 2.

THE CITY OF SOMERSET HEREBY REVIEWS AND REQUESTED BY LAW, AND AMENDS THE CITY'S PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN AS SET FORTH IN EXHIBIT A, ATTACHED HERETO AND INCORPORATED IN FULL HEREIN BY REFERENCE, BEGINNING ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE, WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL SUCH TIME AS IT IS AMENDED OR REPLACED BY PROPER ACTION OF THE COUNCIL.

SECTION 3.

THE "BASE" UTILITY RATES CHARGED BY THE CITY FOR ITS WATER, WASTEWATER, NATURAL GAS AND SANITATION ARE STATED IN EXHIBIT B. THE WATER AND WASTEWATER RATES ARE SUBJECT TO THE INFLATION ADJUSTMENT FOUND IN ORDINANCE NO. 24-29 WHICH IS NOT SUBJECT TO SECTION 5. THE GAS RATES WILL ALSO BE SUBJECT TO THE SAME INFLATION ADJUSTMENT AS WATER AND WASTEWATER FOUND IN ORDINANCE NO. 20-29 HEREIN AND IS INCLUDED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. THE WASTEWATER RATE IN 2026 IS A 7% INCREASE FROM THE PRIOR RATE FOR FY 2026-2027 AS REQUIRED BY THE KENTUCKY INFRASTRUCTURE AUTHORITY ("KIA") PREPARED PLAN FOR A MANDATORY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT.

SECTION 4.

IF ANY PART OF THIS ORDINANCE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO REVIEWS, AMENDMENTS, AND APPROVALS IS DEEMED BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION TO BE UNENFORCEABLE OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL, THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE SHALL CONTINUE IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

SECTION 5.

ANY ORDINANCE IN CONFLICT WITH THIS ORDINANCE OR ANY PROVISION IN CONFLICT WITH THE ONLY ENACTED HEREIN, ARE HEREBY REPEALED IN SO FAR AS THE SAME ARE IN CONFLICT HERewith.

SECTION 6.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AFTER ITS APPROVAL AND PUBLICATION ACCORDING TO LAW.

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FIRST READING: June 8, 2026

SECOND READING: June 22, 2026

APPROVED

OF SOMERSET, KENTUCKY

ATTEST: 
NICK BRADDY, CLERK

EXHIBIT A

PAY AND CLASSIFICATION PLAN 2026-2027
CITY OF SOMERSET
EFFECTIVE: JULY 2026

TITLE/CLASSIFICATION	NO	MINIMUM	MAXIMUM
EXECUTIVE			
CITY CLERK	1	50000	105000
ASS. CITY CLERK	2	30000	52000
EXEC. ASSISTANT/CHIEF OF STAFF	1	48000	80000
MAJORS OFFICE/DEPUTY	1	10000	10000
CLERK/TREASURY MANAGER	1	30000	55000
CLERK/COMMUNICATIONS	1	30000	55000
CLERK/FINANCE	1	27500	50000
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	1	65000	112000
ACCOUNTING SUPERVISOR	1	37500	77500
ACCOUNTING CLERK	3	30000	45000
PURCHASING AGENT	1	37500	75000
PAYROLL CLERK	2	30000	57000
BILLING SUPERVISOR	1	30000	65000
CLERK/COLLECTIONS	4	27500	50000
CLERK/CUSTOMER SERVICE	2	27500	50000
CITY ATTORNEY	1	65000	108000
CITY ENGINEER	1	60000	85000
HR DIRECTOR	1	45000	85000
HR/HOUSING/VIRGINIA	1	43000	75000
CITY PLANNER	1	38000	60000
ASSISTANT LEGAL COUNSEL	1	30000	50000
BUILDING INSPECTOR	1	40000	65000
CLERK ENFORCEMENT/SAFETY	1	40000	75000
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	2	45000	85000
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	1	45000	75000
TECHNICAL	1	45000	75000
ABC ADMINISTRATOR	1	40000	75000
ABC ASSISTANT	1	30000	50000

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THE VIRGINIA			
EVENT/VEHICLE DIRECTOR	2	35000	55000
TECH DIRECTOR	3	35000	55000
FACILITY OPERATIONS	1	30000	50000
ASSISTANT	1	27500	50000

STREET DEPARTMENT			
STREET DEPT. MANAGER	1	40000	67500
STREET DEPT. CLERK	1	25000	40000
STREET DEPT. FOREMAN	1	28000	50000
TRUCK/TECHNICIAN DRIVER	3	24000	50000
MECHANIC	2	18000	50000
SERVICE WORKERS	7	15000	50000

SANITATION			
SANITATION MANAGER	1	45000	70000
SANITATION FOREMAN	1	35000	65000
SANITATION CLERK	2	25000	40000
TRUCK/TECHNICIAN DRIVER	14	10000	65000
WORKERS	7	27500	50000

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT			
WATER/SEWER MANAGER	1	50000	80000
PLANT SUPERVISOR - WATER	1	40000	70000
PLANT SUPERVISOR - SEWER	2	40000	70000
DISTRIBUTION SUPERVISOR	3	40000	75000
FOREMAN	4	35000	65000
CROSS CONNECTION SPECIALIST	1	30000	50000
EQUIPMENT OPERATORS	1	27000	40000
METER PLACERS/GENERAL	3	25000	42000
PRETREATMENT CLERK	1	25000	37500
OPERATIONS CLERK	2	25000	38000
LIFT STATION TECHNICIANS	2	25000	50000
QUALITY OPERATIONS	3	27500	50000
TECHNICIANS	21	13000	55000
GENERAL LABOR	1	10000	42000
SPECIAL OPERATIONS	2	17500	52500

NATURAL GAS DEPARTMENT			
DIRECTOR	1	55000	85000
ING ENGINEER	1	50000	80000
SYSTEMS MANAGER	1	45000	70000
CONSUMER	5	48000	75000
OPERATIONS/SPECIALIST	4	28000	62000
SERVICE TECHNICIANS	4	27500	55000
WORKSHOP TECHNICIANS	2	30000	55000
METER READER/GENERAL	4	27500	47500
CLERK/ACCOUNTING	1	27500	50000

PARKS AND RECREATION			
DIRECTOR	1	45000	70000
ASS. DIRECTOR	1	40000	65000
MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR	2	30000	52500
PROGRAM SPECIALIST	4	27000	47500
PROGRAM/RECREATION SPECIALIST	1	27000	47500
MAINTENANCE	1	25000	45000
CLERK	1	25000	42500
LEISURE MANAGER	1	28500	52000

WATER PARK			
MANAGER	1	45000	72500
OPERATIONS SPECIALIST	1	27000	45500
MAINTENANCE	2	25000	50000

FUEL CENTER			
MANAGER	1	38000	59500
CLERK	2	18000	28000

FIRE DEPARTMENT			
FIRE CHIEF	1	50000	80000
BATTALION CHIEF/MAJOR	4	40000	75000
TRAINING OFFICER/PLANT MANAGER	1	40000	60000
CAPTAIN	8	40000	67500
LIEUTENANT	7	35000	62000
FIREFIGHTERS	18	28000	57000

POLICE DEPARTMENT			
POLICE CHIEF	1	55000	92000
CAPTAINS	4	45000	85000
LIEUTENANTS	4	42500	83000
SERGEANTS	4	37500	80000
DETECTIVES	4	38000	87500
POLICE OFFICERS/SW/INVESTIGATORS	15	39500	85000
RECRUITS	1	17500	40000
PROPERTY OFFICER	1	28000	50000
CYBER/INTELLIGENCE	3	25000	60000
SAFETY OFFICER	1	19500	37500
VICTIM SUPPORT SPECIALIST (GRANT)	1	85000	70000
ADMIN ASSISTANT	1	25000	40000

EMS DEPARTMENT			
EMS CHIEF	1	45000	80000
MAJOR	1	44000	75000
CAPTAIN	4	42000	70000
LIEUTENANT	4	35000	65000
PARAMEDICS**	26	15000	68000
EMT**	13	10000	37500
TRAINING DIRECTOR	1	21000	70000
OFFICE/CLERICAL	2	10800	55000

**PARAMEDICS AND EMT POSITION INTERCHANGEABLE BY MEET

Exhibit B - Service Rates Supporting the 2026-2027 C of Somerset Budget Ordinance

u 1 Gas

CITY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS	
FACILITIES CHARGE	\$7.09 (LESS THAN ONE UNIT)
ALL VOLUMES	\$7.795 DTH

CITY COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS	
FACILITIES CHARGE	\$8.79
ALL VOLUMES	\$8.79 DTH

CITY INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS	
FACILITIES CHARGE	\$9.84
ALL VOLUMES	\$9.84 DTH

COUNTY RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS including FERGUSON	
FACILITIES CHARGE	\$13.81
ALL VOLUMES	\$13.81 DTH

COUNTY COMMERCIAL/LIGHT INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS including FERGUSON	
FACILITIES CHARGE	\$13.81
ALL VOLUMES	\$13.81 DTH

EDUCATION SERVICE

FACILITIES CHARGE	\$7.79
ALL VOLUMES	\$7.79 DTH

HEAVY INDUSTRIAL - NEGOTIATED RATES AND CONTRACTS

Emergency Market Surcharge: Should spot gas purchase or immediate delivery gas prices as measured by the New York Mercantile Exchange's Henry Hub Price Chart or Index go over the trigger price of \$5.00 (Dollars per Million BTU), Somerset Gas may charge to its customers the short-term additional cost of gas incurred in the purchased of immediate delivery or spot gas while that gas is above the trigger price.

**Exhibit B -- Service Rates
Supporting the 2026-2027
City of Somerset Budget Ordinance**

SANITATION RATES

Small Business (Non-Dumpster)
1 Can Per Week= 11.1 Yard (\$15)
2 Cans Per Week= 22.3 Yards (\$45)
3 Cans Per Week= 4 Yards (\$15) Same as a 4yd Dumpster + \$1500 Down by Cubic Yard Price Per Square Yd)

4yd 6yd. and 8yd Dumpsters
4 Yard \$55 Each Dump*
6 Yard \$65 Each Dump
8 Yard \$75 Each Dump
(max. 1 dump charge per month)

Roll-Off Dumpsters*
10yd \$300 Over 4 Tons Plus \$5 Extra Per Ton Over
20yd \$450 Over 4 Tons Plus \$5 Extra Per Ton Over
30yd \$600 Over 4 Tons Plus \$5 Extra Per Ton Over
40yd \$750 Over 4 Tons Plus \$5 Extra Per Ton Over
(max. 1 dump charge per month)

Compactors (New - Contracted 2 Locations) *
\$760 Each Dump

Renters/Customers
\$21.50 Per Month
\$5.00 Per Additional Can
\$60.00 Deposit Fee Per Can

*Large Volume Users may contract for other rates based upon a volume or other considerations.

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WASTEWATER RATES

CITY RESIDENTIAL

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$15.22	\$0.47

CITY COMMERCIAL

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$17.14	\$0.68

CITY INDUSTRIAL

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$31.84	\$0.78

COUNTY RESIDENTIAL

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$21.89	\$1.03

COUNTY COMMERCIAL

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$35.71	\$1.20

COUNTY INDUSTRIAL

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$60.18	\$1.29

GOVERNMENT/NON-PROFIT/EDUCATION

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$17.14	\$0.68

FERGUSON

VOLUME 11 & OVER	MINIMUM	RATE
	\$21.73	\$0.81

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WATER RATES

CITY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$16.33
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.38

CITY INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$10.33
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.38

CITY GOVERNMENT/NON-PROFIT/EDUCATION CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$10.33
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.38

COUNTY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$17.92
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.69

COUNTY INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$17.92
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.69

COUNTY GOVERNMENT/NON-PROFIT/EDUCATION CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$17.92
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.69

FERGUSON RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$14.09
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.56

FERGUSON INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$14.09
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.56

FERGUSON GOVERNMENT/NON-PROFIT/EDUCATION CUSTOMERS

FIRST 1000 GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$14.09
1001 AND ABOVE GALLONS USED PER MONTH	\$.56

Mr. Burdine made a motion to approve a tax refund for Thelma Day Lewis for a Homestead Exemption in the amount of \$123.10, Davide W. Akin for a Homestead Exemption in the amount of \$9.41, and for Lizabeth Huff & Phillip Chase Madden for a Homestead Exemption in the amount of \$62.85. Ms. Bullock seconded the motion. Upon roll call the following Council Members voted "Aye": Mr. Burdine, Mr. Dalton, Mr. Wheeldon, Mr. J. Eastham, Ms. Dick, Ms. Lawson, Mr. Hunley, Mr. Minton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Godsey and Ms. Bullock.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED: _____



MAYOR

ATTEST: _____



CITY CLERK