



CITY OF LUDLOW

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CITY OF LUDLOW PUBLIC HEARING/SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

August 5, 2026

7:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. CT

**Ludlow Municipal Center, Ed F. Schroeder Meeting Hall
51 Elm Street, Ludlow, Kentucky**

PUBLIC HEARING – 7:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. CT

The Ludlow City Council will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, August 5, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. ET/6:00 p.m. CT to increase the existing special ad valorem tax for fire protection and emergency services. If Council approves an ordinance increasing the special ad valorem tax, the issue will be placed on the November ballot for a referendum vote. Council will hear comments at the public meeting about the proposed increase to the existing special ad valorem tax.

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call of Members
- IV. Citizens Wishing to Address Mayor and Council
Public comment welcome on the proposed increase to the Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Special Ad Valorem Tax rate only – Limited to three (3) minutes per citizen.
- V. Adjournment

SPECIAL MEETING – Immediately Following the Public Hearing

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call of Members
- III. Citizens Wishing to Address Mayor and Council
Public comment welcome on agenda items only – Limited to three (3) minutes per citizen.
- IV. Unfinished Business:
 - ♦ None

V. New Business:

- ♦ Discussion and First Reading of Ordinance 2026-16 *An Ordinance of the City of Ludlow, Kentucky Levying a Special Ad Valorem Tax Annually at the Rate of \$ _____ on Each \$100.00 of Assessed Valuation Upon All Taxable Property Within the City of Ludlow, Kentucky in Order to Provide Funding to Continue to Operate a Fire Department and Provide for Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service (Including Personnel); and for the Purchase and Repair of Any and All Vehicles and Equipment Required to Provide Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Service Pursuant to KRS 65.125; Continuing the Fund for the Deposits of the Proceeds Thereof; Providing for the Disbursement, Expenditure, Pledge, Encumbrance, and Transfer of the Proceeds as Such Tax; Providing for the Reduction of the Rate of Such Tax Any Fiscal Year by Ordinance of the City Council, and Taking Other Action in Relation to Such Tax*
- ♦ Resolution 2026-11 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract With Infinite Hills Productions*
- ♦ Resolution 2026-12 *A Resolution of the City of Ludlow Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract with Kentucky League of Cities (to Develop a Strategic Plan for the City)*

VI. Adjournment

LUDLOW ORDINANCE NO. 2026-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY LEVYING A SPECIAL AD VALOREM TAX ANNUALLY AT THE RATE OF \$ _____ ON EACH \$100.00 OF ASSESSED VALUATION UPON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF LUDLOW, KENUCKY IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FUNDING TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE A FIRE DEPARTMENT AND PROVIDE FOR FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (INCLUDING PERSONNEL); AND FOR THE PURCHASE AND REPAIR OF ANY AND ALL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT REQUIRED TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE PURSUANT TO KRS 65.125; CONTINUING THE FUND FOR THE DEPOSITS OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR THE DISBURSEMENT, EXPENDITURE, PLEDGE, ENCUMBRANCE, AND TRANSFER OF THE PROCEEDS AS SUCH TAX; PROVIDING FOR THE REDUCTION OF THE RATE OF SUCH TAX ANY FISCAL YEAR BY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL, AND TAKING OTHER ACTION IN RELATION TO SUCH TAX.

WHEREAS, the City of Ludlow, Kentucky has determined that in order to continue to adequately provide fire protection and emergency medical services it is necessary to increase the special ad valorem tax rate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ludlow desires the ability to purchase or maintain and repair vehicles and equipment to be utilized for fire protection and emergency medical services.

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

SECTION I

In order that the City of Ludlow, Kentucky (hereinafter referred to as the City) may provide funding for services described and identified as to operate a fire department and provide fire protection and emergency medical services (including personnel) as well as to be able to purchase and maintain and repair vehicles and other equipment necessary to provide said fire protection and emergency medical services in the city; commencing in the fiscal year 2026-2027 and continuing during each fiscal year thereafter (hereinafter referred to as the Service) there is hereby levied a special ad valorem tax annually at the rate of \$ _____ on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the City, which tax is deemed and found by the Council of the City to be sufficient to defray the Cost of the Services. The tax for the fiscal year 2026-2027 shall be based upon the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City as of January 1, 2026 and all

succeeding fiscal years the tax shall be based upon the assessed valuation of all taxable property within the City as of the January 1, immediately preceding the fiscal year.

SECTION II

The tax revenues generated by the special ad valorem tax shall be in addition to other taxes imposed by the City and shall be used solely for the Services. The special ad valorem tax shall be due at the same time and be collected in the same manner, from time to time in effect, as other ad valorem taxes levied by the City and taxes not paid shall be subject to the same interest, penalty and cost of collection expenses, from time to time in effect, as are other ad valorem taxes levied by the City.

SECTION III

Pursuant to Ludlow Ordinance 2002-16, a separate fund known as "The Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services Fund" (hereinafter referred to as the Fund) was created. This Fund shall continued to be used to set aside the proceeds of the special ad valorem tax. All proceeds of the funds shall be kept apart from the other funds of the City and shall be accounted for separately. The proceeds in the Fund shall be invested in accordance with applicable law and all income derived therefrom shall be carried to the credit of said Fund and shall become a part of the proceeds of said Fund. The proceeds consisting the fund shall not be disbursed, expended, pledged, encumbered, or transferred for any use or purpose other than provided by this ordinance. Any proceeds remaining in the Fund at the end of any fiscal year shall remain in the Fund and shall be carried over to the succeeding fiscal year for use as provided by this ordinance.

SECTION IV

To the extent permitted and in accordance with the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and other applicable law and regulations, proceeds held in the Fund so derived, from the special ad valorem tax levied hereunder may be pledged, encumbered, and/or expended to pay for the principal and interest on any indebtedness incurred, including bonds issued by the City to carry out and perform the Services.

SECTION V

In any fiscal year in which the Council of the City determines that the full amount of the special ad valorem tax levied hereunder is not necessary to fund the Services, the City may by ordinance in any fiscal year reduce the rate of the special ad valorem tax for such year below the amount set forth herein. In any fiscal year following the fiscal year for which the special ad valorem tax may have been reduced by the ordinance, the special ad valorem tax rate shall revert to the maximum amount as et forth in this ordinance for such subsequent year by ordinance.

SECTION VI

It shall be considered that it is the intent of the Council of the City in enacting this ordinance that if any part of this ordinance shall be held unconstitutional or invalid, the remaining part shall remain in force, unless the remaining parts are so essentially and separately connected with and dependent upon the unconstitutional or invalid part that it is apparent that Council would not have enacted the remaining parts without the unconstitutional part, or unless the remaining parts, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the intention of Council.

SECTION VII

Any and all ordinances in conflict with this ordinance shall be, and hereby are, repealed to the extent of said conflict.

SECTION VIII

That this ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and shall be published under KRS §83A.060(9) and other applicable law. The ordinance may be published by summary.

Passed by City Council this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY

By: _____
Sarah Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

FIRST READING: _____

SECOND READING: _____

PUBLICATION: _____

**CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUDLOW AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH INFINITE HILLS
PRODUCTIONS**

WHEREAS, the City of Ludlow is interested in offering community events for the public to attend and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, Infinite Hills Productions is interested in coordinating and producing Ludlow Rail sessions on behalf of the City, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into a contract with Infinite Hills Productions to coordinate and produce the Ludlow Rail sessions as further described in the attached agreement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY:

That the Ludlow City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract with Infinite Hills Productions to coordinate and produce the Ludlow Rail Sessions on behalf of the City.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY

Sarah Thompson, Mayor

Attested by:

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk

**CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LUDLOW AUTHORIZING THE
MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE KENTUCKY
LEAGUE OF CITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Ludlow is interested in offering community events for the public to attend and enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the Kentucky League of Cities has presented a proposal pertaining to a strategic planning process, and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enter into a contract with the Kentucky League of Cities to review the City's current situation, assess opportunities for the future, and develop specific strategies to move the city forward into the next three to five years; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY:

That the Ludlow City Council authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract with Kentucky League of Cities to develop a strategic plan for the city.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

CITY OF LUDLOW, KENTUCKY

Sarah Thompson, Mayor

Attested by:

Laurie Sparks, City Clerk