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CITY OF GREEN SPRING NEWSLETTER

June 2023

Greetings to Green Spring Residents,

After an absence of many years, I have returned as Mayor. My good friend Trevor replaced me, and now I replace him. I had previously resigned as mayor because my employment was out of town. I am excited to be back and serve our exceptional city.

I am so fortunate to have commissioners who have been involved in the city for many years. I look forward to working with Trevor, Chris, Stuart, Josh and of course Caryl our City Clerk and Lori Ries, our City Treasurer.

We are all supported by our city attorney Chip Hayward, Jr, Lynn Barger, editor of the Mainstream and our new head of Social Programs, Jasmine Drinkard, and the new position of Code Enforcement, George Stewart.

Also a reminder that the city is now patrolled by Lyndon Police under Rob Schroder. We are also discussing having a 50th anniversary in the year 2024. Any suggestions are most welcomed. This will be an event we will celebrate all year. Regards,

John Morton

The City of Green Spring uses the site A to Z Directories. This is the site where we post emails such as meeting agendas, minutes from the city meetings, announcements, and alerts.

We strongly encourage all of the residents to sign up for this site because this will be our primary way to communicate. Residents will need to read monthly city minutes on the site, as mailed newsletters will be used only occasionally to publish Ordinances.

To register for this site:

greenspring.membershiptoolkit.com

You will see: Register/Login Please click the link

New User?

Create Account

Complete the form with your name, email address, and your own private password.

When this is completed Click: **Verify my email**

Pet Control

Be A Good Neighbor

A number of incidents have been reported concerning pet owners not picking up after their pets. When you go on walks be sure to bring a bag and please pick up after your pet.

Please be respectful of your Green Spring neighbor. And don't forget the leash.



CITY OF GREEN SPRING ORDINANCE # __SERIES 20_23 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPLIANCE/APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS FOR SOLAR INSTALLATIONS

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Green Spring is concerned about the property values in the City as well as the public health and safety of its citizens and the enforcement of City ordinances,

AND WHEREAS, the City desires to establish a regulation requiring compliance with City ordinances relating to the safe, well-designed solar power installations in the City, with such authority being found in the general police powers of the City under KRS 82.082, as well as under the specific authority of Kentucky Revised Statutes Chapter 198B allowing local enforcement of the Kentucky Building Code and finally the authority given the City under KRS 381.770 to enact regulations restricting nuisances,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City of Green Spring that:

SECTION 1: Review and Application.

- (A) Purpose. The purpose and intent of this subchapter is to allow the use of solar energy within the City of Green Spring as a clean, alternative energy source, and to provide regulations that will protect public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, no person shall construct, erect, maintain, extend, or remove a solar collector or solar energy system in the residentially zoned sections of the City of Green Spring without compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.
- **(B) Application.** Residential solar installations require a permit from the City of Green Spring. An application for a City Permit shall include the following:
 - Applicant shall file with the City Services Commissioner an application on a form prescribed by the City.
 - The application shall include photographs of the property's existing conditions, including renderings or catalog cuts of the proposed solar energy system. A plot/sketch plan to indicate where the solar energy system is to be installed on the building, including property setbacks and the total solar collector surface area.
 - For pitched roof-mounted solar systems, the elevation must show the highest finished height of the system and the height of the finished roof surface on which it is mounted.
 - For flat roof-mounted solar energy systems, the elevations shall show the highest finished height of the system and the highest point of the roof, including any parapets on the building.

- Description of the screening to be provided for ground or building mounted solar energy equipment.
- Any solid and hazardous waste generated during installation or removal of the system, shall be disposed of in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
- The collection panels shall be located to minimize reflected glare on adjacent properties and roadways.

SECTION 2: Design.

(A) Design Regulations:

- Ground mounted solar energy systems are prohibited in residential use districts, only roof mounted collectors are allowed.
- Any appurtenant equipment shall be set back a minimum of 15 feet from all property lines and a minimum of 30 feet from all dwellings located on adjacent lots. Roofmounted systems shall comply with all building setbacks in the applicable zoning district and shall not extend beyond the exterior perimeter of the building on which the system is mounted.
- Solar collectors shall be flush mounted on pitched roofs. Solar collectors may be bracket mounted on flat roofs. Solar collectors may only be mounted on lawfully permitted principal or accessory structures.
- Solar collectors are prohibited from being mounted on street facing sides of the home.
- 5. Reflection angles from collector surfaces shall be oriented away from neighboring windows. Where necessary, screening may be required to address glare.
- The electrical lines connecting to the system shall be placed underground within the interior of each parcel. The collection system may be placed overhead near substations or points of interconnection to the electric grid.
- 7. No signage or graphic content may be displayed on the solar collection system except the manufacturer's badge, safety information and equipment specification information. Said information shall be depicted within an area no more than 36 square inches in size.
- 8. Standards and Certification. Solar energy systems shall meet the minimum standards outlined by the National Electric Code (NEC), Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) and the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) or other standards as determined by the Planning Commission. Solar energy systems shall be certified by

Underwriters Laboratories, Inc. All grid connected systems shall have an agreement with the local utility prior to the issuance of a building permit. A visible external disconnect must be provided if required by the utility.

9. If the solar energy system remains nonfunctional or inoperative for a continuous period of one year, the system shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall constitute a public nuisance. Owner of any home at which there exists a solar installation shall complete and file with the City an annual certification that their system is still operational and functioning, including supporting documentation, such as utility bills. If no certification is filed, or the certification is insufficient, the City shall have a right to inspect the premises to determine whether it is functioning and/or demand further documentation from the owner as to the operational status of the solar installation. The owner shall remove any abandoned system at their expense. Removal includes the entire structure including transmission equipment.

SECTION 3. Exemptions:

 A property owner may apply for an exemption to these regulations and the council will consider it on a case by case basis.

SECTION 4. Penalties:

 Any person who shall violate any provision of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$500.00. Any continuing violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a separate and distinct offense for each day on which a violation occurs or continues, and a separate penalty may be imposed therefore.

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption, passage, and publication.

First Reading 14 TAN 2023

Second Reading 16 FEB 2023

Passed and approved this 16 day of FEB 2023

Those in Favor 2
Those Opposed 0

CITY OF GREEN SPRING

ORDINANCE NO. 2 SERIES 2023

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE REVISION OF THE BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FISCAL OPERATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GREEN SPRING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2022 TO 6/30/2023.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GREEN SPRING:

SECTION 1: pursuant to KRS 91A.030, the budget for the City of Green Spring for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, attached hereto, incorporated herein, and made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "A" is herewith revised to move \$18,000 from the savings account to the Road Repair account to cover the cost of sidewalk repairs.

SECTION 2: This ordinance will take effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

First reading February 16, 2023

ATTEST:

Second reading, March 16, 2023, passed and approved,

John Morton, Mayor

Caryl A. Conklin, City Clerk

INTRODUCED BY: Steent Ries

Stuart Ries, Commissioner

CITY OF GREEN SPRING

ORDINANCE NO. 3 SERIES 2023

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE ADOPTION OF A BUDGET FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FISCAL OPERATIONS FOR THE CITY OF GREEN SPRING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 7/1/2023 TO 6/30/2024.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF GREEN SPRING:

SECTION 1: pursuant to KRS 91A.030, the budget for the City of Green Spring for the fiscal year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, attached hereto, incorporated herein, and made a part hereof by reference and marked Exhibit "A" is herewith adopted.

SECTION 2: This ordinance will take effect from and after its passage and publication as required by law.

First reading April 20, 2023

ATTEST:

INTRODUCED BY:

Second reading, June 15, 2023, passed and approved,

John Morton, Mayor

Caryl Conklin, City Clerk

Stuart Ries, Commissioner

Green Spring Kentucky Profit & Loss Budget Overview July 2023 through June 2024

	Jul '23 - Jun 24
Income Court Fee Distribution (A13) Interest Income Municipal Aid (A07) Telecommunications Tax (A13) Insurance Receipts (A11) Property Tax (A01)	3,500.00 4,500.00 12,000.00 13,000.00 73,450.00 142,000.00
Total Income	248,450.00
Expense Mayors Discressionary Fund (H) Social (G) Newsletters / Website (G01) Social Functions (G03) Directory (G02)	2,500.00 1,000.00 1,750.00 1,850.00
Total Social (G)	4,600.00
Road Maintenance (D) Signs, Lights & Other (D03) Repair (D02) Snow Removal (D01)	1,000.00 1,000.00 16,000.00
Total Road Maintenance (D)	18,000.00
Security (E) Administrative (F) Administrative (F) - Other Payroll (F07) Insurance (F01) Legal (F04) Audit (F02) Code (F08) Non-Itemized Expenses (F06) Tax Bill Preparation (F03) Supplies (F05)	23,400.00 0.00 0.00 2,000.00 3,000.00 3,500.00 3,600.00 4,200.00 5,000.00 6,300.00
Total Administrative (F)	27,600.00
Maintenance & Beautification Trees flowers mulch & Othr(C02) Tree City USA Holiday Decorations (C05) Lawn Care (C01)	0.00 0.00 3,800.00 46,000.00
Total Maintenance & Beautification	49,800.00
City Services (B) Water (B03) Electricity (B02) Trash Collection (B01)	6,500.00 17,700.00 88,596.00
Total City Services (B)	112,796.00
Total Expense	238,696.00