

ORDINANCE NO. **BG2026 - 15**

ORDINANCE RELATING TO PROPERTY TAX RATES

ORDINANCE SETTING 2026 PROPERTY TAX
RATES, FRANCHISE TAX RATES AND
IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT RATES, AND
SETTING FORTH GUIDELINES FOR PAYMENT,
PENALTY AND INTEREST

BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as follows:

1. City Property Tax Rates.

(a) There are hereby levied the following tax rates on property within the corporate limits of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as of January 1, 2026 from records prepared, maintained and on file with the Warren County Property Valuation Administrator's Office as described below:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RATE PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE</u>
Real Estate	\$0.203
Personal Property	\$0.260
In Lieu of Tax Payments - Real Estate	\$0.203
In Lieu of Tax Payments - Personal Property	\$0.260

Aircraft that is not used in the business of transporting persons or property for compensation, non-commercial watercraft and inventory in transit are hereby exempted from the Personal Property Tax Rate as listed above.

(b) There are hereby levied the following tax rates on the assessed value of all public service corporations as certified by the Kentucky Department of Revenue, being located and/or doing business within the corporate limits of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky as of January 1, 2026:

<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>RATE PER \$100 ASSESSED VALUE</u>
Franchise - Real Estate	\$0.203
Franchise - Personal Property	\$0.260

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(c) Under the provisions of KRS Chapter 107 and the applicable Ordinances of the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky, the following listed subdivision improvement assessments are hereby levied at the rates indicated.

IMPROVEMENT ASSESSMENT RATES

\$245,000 City of Bowling Green Improvement Assessment Bonds
Stonehenge Subdivision, Sec. II, Public Improvement Project of 1998:
2026 Rate - \$894.89 per benefited lot.

\$245,000 City of Bowling Green Improvement Assessment Bonds
Stonehenge Subdivision, Sec. III, Public Improvement Project of 1999:
2026 Rate - \$915.00 per benefited lot.

\$245,000 City of Bowling Green Improvement Assessment Bonds
Stonehenge Subdivision, Sec. IV, Public Improvement Project of 2000:
2026 rates range from \$388.26 to \$2,273.04 based on debt service
requirements and lot sizes.

\$380,000 City of Bowling Green Improvement Assessment Bonds
Stonehenge Subdivision, Sec. V, Public Improvement Project of 2003:
2026 Rate - \$1,076.19 per benefited lot.

\$204,000 City of Bowling Green Improvement Assessment Bonds Lovers Lane,
Underground Utility Project of 2007: 2026 rates range from \$347.60 to \$1,469.40;
based on rate of \$3.16 per linear ft.

Said revenue collected there from shall be deposited in a separate fund for each bond issue listed above, and will be used solely for the payment of principal and interest on the applicable bond issue.

2. Payment, Penalty & Interest.

(a) Any person owing taxes to the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky under section 1(a) and/or section 1(c) of this Ordinance may be relieved of any penalty upon same, providing that the City shall receive payment of the full amount of tax as shown on the tax bill by December 31, 2026. When payment is mailed in, taxpayers will be relieved of any penalty upon property taxes, provided that the envelope in which payment is enclosed is postmarked by the United States Post Office no later than December 31, 2026. The failure to pay said tax as so provided shall subject such person to an immediate penalty of ten percent (10%), and in addition thereto, interest shall be charged at the rate of one-half

percent (0.5%) for each month or fraction of a month until paid, or until the property of the delinquent taxpayer has been sold by the City of Bowling Green through foreclosure action in Warren Circuit Court, all in accordance with Kentucky Revised Statutes.

(b) Any person owing taxes to the City of Bowling Green, Kentucky under section 1(b) may be relieved of any penalty upon same in accordance with section 2(a), providing that the City shall receive payment of the amount of tax as shown on the tax bill within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of the tax bill by the City, under KRS 136.050.

(c) The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and the City Attorney are authorized to enter into installment payment plans under terms and conditions established by the CFO and City Attorney.

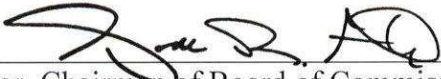
3. The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared invalid, such declaration of invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

4. All prior Municipal Orders or Ordinances or parts of any Municipal Order or Ordinance in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

5. This Ordinance is adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060 in that it was introduced on September 1, 2026, and given final reading on September 15, 2026, and said Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon signature, recordation and publication in summary pursuant to KRS Chapter 424.

(Ordinance No. BG2026 - 15)

ADOPTED: September 15, 2026

APPROVED: 
Mayor, Chairman of Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: 
City Clerk

SPONSORED BY: Jeffery B. Meisel, City Manager