



CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
December 2, 2024
Independence Municipal Center
Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

LIFE SAVING AWARD & PROCLAMATION

PARKS AND RECREATION AWARDS

PRESENTATION OF AUDIT

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES: Regular Meeting of November 11, 2024

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

- **PROPOSED ORDINANCE** – Stephenson Road Truck Restrictions – 1st Reading/Discussion
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-EO-03** – Appointment to Kenton County Joint Code Enforcement Board
- **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-EO-04** – Appointment for the PDS Council for 2025
- **AWARD BID** – 2025 Concrete Finishing Contract

ATTORNEY'S REPORT – Jack Gatlin

CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Chris Moriconi

MAYOR'S REPORT – Christopher J. Reinersman

EXECUTIVE SESSION in accordance with K.R.S. 61.810(c)

ADJOURNMENT

Proclamation

City of Independence, Kentucky

WHEREAS: the Mayor of Independence has the honor and privilege to recognize occasions of outstanding significance on behalf of the Independence City Council and residents of our area in extending congratulations to all, and

WHEREAS: Independence, Kentucky is a community that appreciates and respects local and national heroes such as fire fighters, police officers, active military and retired military veterans, and all first responders, and

WHEREAS: the City particularly recognizes and appreciates the heroic efforts of the men and women that serve and protect the areas where our families live, work, and play, and

WHEREAS: on August 7, 2024, in the City of Independence, a critically serious accident occurred which was caused by unfortunate circumstances beyond anyone's control, and

WHEREAS: a far greater tragedy was averted as a result of the quick action of members of the Independence Police Department and the Independence Fire District, including Officer Ryan Jones, Firefighter/Paramedic Adison Schwarber, Sergeant Danny Potts, Officer Nate Beikman, Officer Travis Lovell, Officer Kyle Sand, Firefighter/EMT Bryson Rieskamp, IFD Lieutenant Dan Richman, Firefighter/EMT Ernie Dodson and Firefighter/EMT Doug Talbert, and

WHEREAS: in addition to their immediate actions at the scene, several of these local heroes took it upon themselves to follow up in a variety of ways to assist and console the family.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor of Independence, on behalf of the City Council and citizens of Independence, publicly recognize and extend our most sincere and heartfelt gratitude to these individuals for the heroic efforts, incredible skill and extraordinary compassion displayed during the exemplary execution of their duties on that day.



Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Independence to be affixed this 2nd day of December 2024.

Attest:

Gina Rawe, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-O-

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, RESTRICTING CERTAIN TRAFFIC IN EXCESS OF 11,000 POUNDS ON STEPHENS ROAD AT A POINT FROM FOWLER CREEK (STATE RT. 1486) TO OLIVER ROAD, INDEPENDENCE, KENTUCKY

WHEREAS the City of Independence desires to reduce safety concerns on Stephens Rd; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public's interest to reduce the size of vehicles travelling on Stephens Rd, and;

WHEREAS, Stephens Rd. is a City Road, beginning at Fowler Creek Rd (State Rt. 1486) to Oliver Road and the City has the authority to impose restrictions for the health, safety and welfare of its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, IN KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY, AS FOLLOWS:

(Strikethrough portions are to be deleted, underlined portions are to be added as required by KRS 83A.060(3))

SECTION I

Restriction of Traffic on Stephens Road, Independence, Kentucky – beginning at Fowler Creek (State Route 1486) to Oliver Road

(A) Motor vehicles and trucks having a gross vehicle weight rating (as defined at KRS 81A.010) (“GVWR”) in excess of 11,000 pounds may not travel on Stephens Road.

(B) Truck-tractors, semi-trailers, trailers, tow trucks, dump trucks, and trucks having a box body appearance may not travel on Stephens Road. For purposes of this chapter, a truck has a “box body appearance” where its chassis is manufactured separately from the box that is attached to it, the box is either rectangular or square in size, and the box is covered or fully enclosed.

(C) Motor vehicles or trucks having a width greater than seven feet may not travel on Stephens Road.

(D) All violations of this section shall be a Class B misdemeanor.

SECTION II

The provisions of this ordinance are severable; and the invalidity of any provision of this ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other provision thereof; and such other provisions shall remain in full force and effect if they remain valid in the absence of those provisions determined to be invalid.

SECTION III

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION IV

Should any section or part of any section or any provision of this Ordinance be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, for any reason, such declaration shall not invalidate, or adversely affect, the remainder of this Ordinance. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force when passed, published, and recorded according to the law.

Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Rawe, City Clerk

First Reading: December 2, 2024

Second Reading: _____

Ayes: _____

Nays: _____

Publication Date: _____

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KY.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-EO-03

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE IN
KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY APPOINTING CHRIS BARBOUR TO THE KENTON
COUNTY JOINT CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD.**

By the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Independence, I do hereby appoint Chris Barbour as a representative for the City of Independence on the Kenton County Joint Code Enforcement Board through December 31, 2027.

Date Presented to Council: December 2, 2024

Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Rawe, City Clerk

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, KY.

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-EO-04

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE IN
KENTON COUNTY, KENTUCKY REAPPOINTING MAYOR REINERSMAN AS THE
PRIMARY REPRESENTATIVE AND COUNCIL MEMBER CAROL FRANZEN AS THE
ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
SERVICES COUNCIL**

By the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Independence, I do hereby reappoint myself, Mayor Reinersman as primary representative and Council Member Chris Vogelpohl as the alternate representative for the City of Independence on the Planning and Development Services Council for 2025.

Date Presented to Council: December 2, 2024

Christopher J. Reinersman, Mayor

ATTEST:

Gina Rawe, City Clerk