

THE ANCHORAGE

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF ANCHORAGE, KENTUCKY

April 2024

New Lower Property Tax Rate Proposed for 2024



Effective with the current 2023-2024 fiscal year ending 30 June 2024, City Council will consider a lower real and personal property tax rate ordinance to lower the current rate from \$.329/\$100 assessed value to \$.323/\$100 assessed value at the April 2024 City Council meeting. The rate reduction is due to the limitations imposed by the compensating tax rate as defined by Kentucky Revised Statute 132.010(6) as the property tax rate that produces an amount of revenue approximately equal to the revenue produced in the preceding year.

2024 Anchorage Tax Notices

Anchorage City Real Property and Personal Property tax bills (for businesses operating in the City) will be mailed to property owners and businesses by April 30. If you have any questions concerning your invoice, please contact Deputy City Treasurer Alison Melton at City Hall, 245-4654, Tuesday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

	Start Date	End Date
5% Discount	05/01/24	05/31/24
Face Amount	06/01/24	06/30/24
1% Interest per month	07/01/24	until paid
25% Penalty	11/01/24	

Notice of Public Hearing

The City of Anchorage is proposing to levy a real and personal property tax rate of \$.323/\$100 assessed value (which is lower than last year) but that exceeds the compensating tax rate as defined in KRS 132.010. A mandated public hearing regarding the proposed 2024 tax rate will be held at 5:45 p.m. on April 8, 2024 at Anchorage City Hall. See **Public Notice** on the City website for additional information.

Artist Guild of Anchorage Showcase



The annual Artist Guild of Anchorage Showcase will be held on April 17 at Owl Creek Country Club. 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A cash bar and complimentary hors d'oeuvres will be available. Call the Club for dinner reservations up to 9:00 p.m.

Civic Club Spring Fling



Please join your fellow Anchorage residents on Friday, April 26 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for an outdoor social event at Wagner Park. There will be dinner and dessert food trucks available so you can purchase dinner and drinks, live music by Rainer Hoyer, and fun activities for the kids. Residents are encouraged to walk or drive their golf carts to this event. Be sure to bring a picnic blanket or chairs if you would like them.

City of Anchorage Clock Restoration



Since 2001, the Anchorage clock known as a Howard Replica/Seth Thomas Clock, located across from the Anchorage Post Office on Park Road has regularly provided the time for all who have passed by: school children, pedestrians, restaurant patrons, business staff, and anxious parents waiting to pick-up or drop-off their children at school. It has served as one of the many beautiful attractions in the City and was showcased on the 2001 Anchorage stoneware plate, annually given to volunteers by the mayor.

Over the years, maintenance on the analog time piece has grown expensive and occurred far too often. In part because manual gear adjustments are required for each time change in the spring and fall. Technical experience from a trained clock technician became a necessity. Despite routine twice-a-year maintenance, it became abundantly clear after 22 years, the worn gears and interior mechanics required an overhaul and a much-needed upgrade.

So in 2023, Anchorage Public Works Department began the coordination to replace all the interior and mechanical parts converting the time piece from analog to a more-accurate digital time. A preliminary budget of \$13,000 was approved for the mechanical restoration, a small price to pay to keep a timeless historical piece a beautiful focal point of the community. Today, the clock is operating more accurately giving those who use it some assurance they're punctual. Future adjustments are expected to be effortless and less expensive without the need for a clock technician. Should you look closely, the only exterior maintenance item pending is a fresh coat of exterior paint. Once the weather warms to allow this, the Anchorage clock will again be completely restored to look very much like it did 23 years ago.

Anchorage Ordinances & Legal Notices

Notices for ordinances passed by Anchorage City Council and legal notices, including the annual audit, will be published in *The Courier-Journal Newspaper* and posted on the City of Anchorage website and the City Hall and Anchorage Post Office bulletin boards.

Ordinance 1, Series 2024

A copy of proposed Ordinance No. 1, Series 2024, an Ordinance establishing the City of Anchorage Tax Rate of Real and Personal Property for the tax year 2023-2024 can be found at www.cityofanchorage.org after approved by Anchorage City Council.

FY 2023 Audit

The fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 audit report, including financial statements and supplemental information, is available on the City's website at this [audit link](#). The public may inspect said reports at Anchorage City Hall at 1306 Evergreen Road, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and/or obtain a complete copy at a cost of \$.10/page. Copies of the two-page financial statement prepared in accordance with KRS424.220 are available at no cost at this address.

From the Forestry Board

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Anchorage has been named a 2023 Tree City USA city by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of our commitment to effective urban forestry management.

Anchorage also received a Tree City USA Growth Award for demonstrating environmental improvement and outstanding level of care. We are among a small group of cities (less than 15% of Tree Cities) that earned a Growth Award for going above and beyond the four standards of Tree City USA.

"...The trees being planted and cared for by Anchorage are ensuring that generations to come will enjoy a better quality of life.

Additionally, participation in this program brings residents together and creates a sense of civic pride, whether it's through volunteer engagement or public education." David Lambert, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

If ever there was a time for trees, it is now. Communities worldwide are facing issues with air quality, water resources, personal health and well-being, energy use, extreme heat, and flooding. Anchorage is doing its part to address these challenges for residents both now and in the future.

Bellewood and Brooklawn Annual Breakfast

In the heart of our community, Bellewood & Brooklawn stands as a testament to the enduring power of compassion and support. As we mark the 175th anniversary of the Bellewood campus this year, we invite you to join in celebrating this significant milestone at the Annual Breakfast Fundraiser on April 18. It's more than an event; it's a gathering of hearts and minds committed to nurturing the potential of Kentucky's most vulnerable youth.

Event Details:

- Date: April 18th
- Location: Brooklawn Campus: 3121 Brooklawn Campus Drive Louisville, KY 40218
- Time: Doors open at 7:30 a.m., with the program beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding by 9:00 a.m.

This special breakfast is a fundraiser and a celebration of our collective impact. Attendance is complimentary, yet spaces are limited. To ensure your participation, email Dr. Joe Hunter, Director of Fundraising Bellewood and Brooklawn at jgunter@bellewoodandbrooklawn.org to reserve your spot.

How You Can Support:

- Be a Table Host: Embrace the spirit of community by hosting a table for eight guests.
- Sponsor the Event: Elevate your support through sponsorship.
- Register as an Individual: Your presence alone contributes to the success of our mission.

Join us to hear inspiring stories of transformation and learn how you can contribute to our ongoing efforts. Our Annual Breakfast Fundraiser offers an opportunity for the Anchorage community and beyond to come together, celebrating past achievements while paving the way for future success.

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Spring is here - no better time to get organized then now. To stay up-to-date with local events and news please register for Reach Alert and sign up to receive the Anchor Age E-newsletter directly to your email account.

Reach Alert

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The Anchor Age E-newsletter

The easy-to-read digital e-newsletter brings timely City news right to your email inbox automatically each month. Don't let your friends and family miss out, encourage them to sign up today. Sign up by emailing your name and street address to newsletter@cityofanchorage.org or by clicking [here](#) for a pop up form.

For residents without email, limited printed copies will be available each month at City Hall.

Calendar of Events

[April 08](#) Tax Rate Public Meeting/City Council Meeting

[April 17](#) Artist Guild of Anchorage Artist's Showcase

[April 26](#) Civic Club Spring Fling

[April 30](#) Anchorage Property & Personal Property Tax Statements Mailed

Living With Coyotes

Facing dwindling habits, coyotes adapt well to living in urban areas where they often find an abundance of food, water, and shelter. Limiting access to these resources can discourage coyotes from moving into an area. Coyotes are difficult to remove and removal is not effective. Populations rebound quickly, even when up to 70% of a population is removed, as removal causes the remaining coyotes' reproductive rates to increase by breeding at earlier ages, producing larger litters, and having a higher survival rate of the young.

Preventative measures can be used to deter coyotes from moving in and hazing can promote a healthy fear of humans.

- Remove attractants such food and shelter. Take bowls of pet food and water in at night, remove fallen fruit under trees, and clean up seeds under bird feeders. Keep yards free from potential shelter by removing thick brush and enclosing areas below porches, decks, and outbuildings.
- Do not leave small children or pets unsupervised outdoors. When outdoors, keep pets on a short leash. If approached by a coyote, pick up your child or pet and back away slowly. Do not run as this could encourage the coyote to chase you.
- “Hazing” a coyote can make it feel unwelcome and re-train it to avoid humans. Use a loud voice or make noise with whistles, horns, bottles filled with rocks, etc. and wave your arms to drive it away until you cannot see it anymore. For your safety, do not get too close!
- Motion lights and motion-activated sprinklers may also deter coyotes. Remember that coyotes are beneficial in controlling rodent populations.

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