

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD  
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-001  
AMENDING 2022-003  
Water & Sewer Commission

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
SPRINGFIELD, KENTUCKY:**

**SECTION I**

**SECTION THREE:**

- (1) That from and after November 1, 1951, there is here by created the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, whose duty it shall be, subject to the limitations contained in this Ordinance, to exclusively supervise, manage, control and operate for and on behalf of the City of Springfield the joint Water and Sewer Systems of the said City of Springfield; they shall have the direct supervision of the Joint Water and Sewer Systems, in the maintenance, operation, control expansions, and extensions thereof, as fully and completely as if said Commission represented private owners; and to hire and discharge all employees; to fix their compensation; to fix and define their duties; to fix their hours and places of employment.
- (2) The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission shall be composed of three voting members **and one non-voting member. In addition, the Mayor of Springfield, who shall be a non-voting ex officio member. The non-voting member shall be appointed by voting Commission members.**
- (3) The term of office of the **voting** Springfield Water and Sewer Commissioners shall be three years; however, initial appointments shall be for a term of 3, 2, and 1 year in order to provide for replacement of one commissioner every year. **The term of the non-voting member shall be 3 year.** Any Commissioner shall be eligible for reappointment upon the expiration of his term. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy upon said Commission by expiration of term of a Commissioner, or otherwise, the remaining Commissioner or Commissioners shall immediately notify the Mayor in writing, and the Mayor shall, with approval of the City Council fill such vacancy. In the event the vacancy is caused by the death or resignation of members, then the person or persons appointed to succeed said member or members shall be appointed to fill out the unexpired term of said member or members. If during his term, a Commissioner other than an ex officio Commissioner is absent from more than three meetings in a row that member shall be considered to have resigned and the position will be considered vacant. In the event of the death or resignation of the entire Commission, the Mayor with the approval of the City Council shall appoint a new Commission, and shall designate the Commissioners each is to succeed. Should the Mayor fail or refuse to make said appointment within sixty (60) days then the City Council may fill said vacancy or vacancies. **The non-voting Board member may be appointed to fill a vacancy or the remainder of a term in any of the aforementioned scenarios.**
- (4) The Commission shall annually elect from its members, other than the Mayor **and additional non-voting member**, a chairman, and a treasurer, provided the same member shall not hold both positions or offices.
- (5) Two members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the affirmative vote of the majority of the members present shall be necessary for the adoption of any motion, resolution, or order, or the approval of any consideration.
- (6) The Commission may adopt such rules and regulations from time to time as are necessary for the proper conduct and carrying on its affairs and also such rules and regulations as are necessary for the proper management and control of the affairs of the Joint Water and Sewer Systems and the appurtenances thereto.
- (7) The Commission shall hold regularly scheduled meetings open to the public, at least monthly, at the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission Office as may be necessary for it to conduct the business affairs of the Joint Water and Sewer Systems. The commission shall file a copy of its annual financial audit with the City Administrator or Clerk, and said audit shall be made available to general public at City Hall.

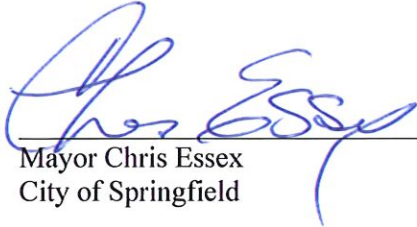
- (8) Each member of the Commission, **excluding the ex-officio member**, shall receive a salary of \$500.00 per month. The Chairman will receive \$600.00 per month.
- (9) The member or members of the Commission may be removed for cause by the City Council of the City of Springfield after a public hearing.
- (10) The Commission shall have no power to borrow money or to enter into any contracts involving the expenditure of funds derived from the operation of the Joint Water and Sewer Systems other than operating expenses of the Joint Water and Sewer System, and the maintenance, expansion and improvements of same together with the expenses of the operation of the Commission, unless first approved by the City Council of the City of Springfield, Kentucky.
- (11) The Commission shall not have the right to lower or raise the rates for water and sewer services, but the Commission shall make their recommendations in writing to the City Council of the City of Springfield, and such rates so recommended shall not become effective until the same have been approved by an ordinance duly passed and published as by law required, by the City Council. No change or alteration in any of said rates shall be made by the City Council except upon the recommendation in writing by the Commission.
- (12) The first fiscal year of the Commission shall be considered from the date of this Ordinance to January 1, 1953, after said date the fiscal year shall be from July 1, to June 30, of each succeeding year. Within 120 days after the close of the fiscal year the Commission shall cause an audit to be made of the records and accounts of said Commission by a certified Public Accountant and a report thereof shall be filed with the City Council and the expense of making said annual audit shall be charged to the operation account of the Joint Water and Sewer System.
- (13) The funds derived from the Joint operation of the Water and Sewer Systems shall be managed, handled, and controlled by the Commission so as to comply in all particulars, with the provisions of any ordinance in so far as said ordinance is applicable, which purports to authorize the issuance of any Water or Sewer Revenue Bonds.
- (14) The Commission shall have the power to supervise, manage and control all of the physical properties, including real estate, which is used in connection with the Water and Sewer Systems, and may rent or lease, or sub-rent or sub-lease any of the physical properties, including real estate which is used in connection with the Water and Sewer Systems, upon such terms and conditions as the Commission may desire.

**SECTION II**

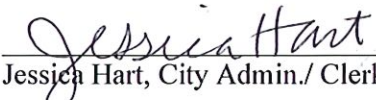
This ordinance shall be adopted pursuant to KRS 83A.060, passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Springfield, on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026, with Yes and No Votes as follows:

	YES	NO	
Daniel Bishop	_____	_____	Absent
Joann Ellery	_____✓	_____	
Michael Hale	_____✓	_____	
Carolyn Hardin	_____✓	_____	
John Pettus	_____✓	_____	
Lance Smith	_____✓	_____	

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 Second Reading: March 10, 2026  
 Published in the Springfield Sun: March 18, 2026

  
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 Mayor Chris Essex  
 City of Springfield

ATTEST:

  
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 Jessica Hart, City Admin./ Clerk