

**Christian County Fiscal Court
Ordinance No. 2026-04**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02 AND ENACTING
REVISED PROVISIONS PERTAINING TO ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS,
PERMITS, AND INSPECTION FEES**

WHEREAS, KRS 227.480(1) requires each county, according to the Uniform State Building Code as it pertains to the plan review and inspection responsibilities of local governments, to require any person to obtain a permit before commencing construction, alteration, or repairs of any electrical system, and to require all inspections deemed necessary by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction for the safety of life and property; and

WHEREAS, KRS 227.480(3) authorizes a county to appoint, and to fix the compensation of, county electrical inspectors, and to fix reasonable fees and establish other requirements for the conduct of electrical inspections within its boundaries by ordinance, provided that all such inspectors are certified under KRS 227.489; and

WHEREAS, Christian Fiscal Court previously entered into a contractual agreement with the Hopkinsville-Christian County Planning Commission, also known as Community and Development Services (the "Planning Commission"), for the purpose of local-government compliance with the Kentucky Building Code, and by County Order 2013-02 authorized the Planning Commission staff to issue building permits pursuant to the Kentucky Building Code; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has been designated as the agency to issue building permits on behalf of Christian County, and Christian Fiscal Court has previously contracted with certified electrical inspectors, as independent contractors, to perform electrical inspections as required by state law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hopkinsville, by Ordinance 16-2026, has amended Section 150.11 of the Hopkinsville Code of Ordinances to revise the schedule of electrical permit and inspection fees, and Christian Fiscal Court finds that it is in the public interest to conform the county fee schedule to that of the City of Hopkinsville so that a single, uniform fee schedule applies to electrical inspections performed within Christian County; and

WHEREAS, Christian Fiscal Court finds that the fees set forth in Section Two, paragraph 6, of this Ordinance are reasonable within the meaning of KRS 227.480(3) and are designed to compensate certified electrical inspectors acting as independent contractors for the county for the actual cost of performing electrical inspections within Christian County; and

WHEREAS, Christian Fiscal Court wishes to repeal Ordinance No. 2015-02 in its entirety and reenact the county's electrical inspection and fee provisions as set forth herein;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Fiscal Court of Christian County, Kentucky, as follows:

SECTION ONE: REPEALER

Ordinance No. 2015-02 is hereby repealed in its entirety and reenacted under the terms set forth in this Ordinance.

SECTION TWO: ELECTRICAL PERMITS, INSPECTIONS, AND FEES

1. The Hopkinsville-Christian County Planning Commission is hereby designated as the agency authorized to issue permits on behalf of Christian County government (the "County") as it relates to building permits and electrical permits as defined by the Uniform State Building Code and other applicable statutory provisions.
2. Any person required by state law to obtain an electrical permit shall file an application with the Planning Commission in the manner and form required and designated by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission may charge a Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) fee for processing electrical permit applications.
3. All property owners, builders, or contractors required to obtain an electrical permit shall obtain the permit from the Planning Commission in the manner previously described and pay the applicable fee to the Planning Commission. All duly authorized electrical inspectors acting on behalf of the County shall be in possession of a duly issued permit prior to performing an electrical inspection as required by state law. Upon completion of the electrical inspection, electrical inspectors acting on behalf of the County shall present a copy of their inspection report to the Planning Commission, which shall attach the report to the Planning Commission permit file created on behalf of each affected builder, owner, or contractor.
4. Utility companies providing electric service in Christian County, Kentucky shall not provide permanent electrical service to any property owner, builder, or contractor unless the person required to obtain an electrical permit under Kentucky law has provided the applicable utility company with a copy of both the permit and the approved inspection report issued by County-approved electrical inspectors, in the manner set out herein, unless otherwise permitted by a municipality located in Christian County, Kentucky.
5. All electrical inspectors acting on behalf of the County through a duly authorized contract are permitted to charge only the fees set forth in paragraph 6 below for inspection. Those fees shall be paid directly to the inspector.
6. The fees for all County-appointed inspectors are as follows:

Use / Service	Permit	Inspection	Inspections Include
Temporary service	\$10.00	\$75.00	Final
Up to 200 amp.	\$10.00	\$155.00	Rough-in and final

201 amp. to 399 amp.	\$10.00	\$275.00	Rough-in and final
400 amp. or greater	\$10.00	\$1.00 per amp, per permit	All trips, including temporary service inspection
Mobile home	\$10.00	\$75.00	Final
Sign	\$10.00	\$65.00	Final
Service change-out under 400 amps.	\$10.00	\$100.00	Final
Service change-out 400 amps. or larger	\$10.00	\$0.50 per amp	All trips required
Fireworks tent inspection	\$10.00	\$80.00 per trip	Temporary service inspection on pole and wiring and labeling inside tent
Class II wiring	\$10.00	\$80.00 per trip	Rough-in and final; residential or commercial
Commercial new service	\$10.00	2% of total electrical contract (\$150.00 minimum)	Rough-in and final; commercial or industrial

Note: Additional customer-requested inspections shall be charged at a rate of Seventy-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$75.00) each.

7. If, upon an electrical inspection, the wiring or electrical facilities cannot be approved at that time and additional inspections are required in order to obtain approval for a properly installed service, a reinspection fee of Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$50.00) shall apply for each reinspection, in addition to mileage and travel time authorized in paragraph 8 below.

8. An inspector may charge, in addition to the inspection fee, an amount for necessary travel to and from the inspection site. The mileage rate charged shall not exceed the amount per mile allowed to state employees, and the inspector shall charge no more than Ten and 00/100 Dollars (\$10.00) per hour for travel time. If two or more inspections are made during one trip, then the cost of travel shall be divided between the inspections made. In no case shall an inspector charge more than once for the same trip or charge for mileage or time not actually expended.

9. All electrical inspectors acting on behalf of the County shall be certified by the Department of Housing, Buildings and Construction under KRS 227.489, shall maintain the surety bond required by KRS 227.487(4) and 815 KAR 35:015, and shall discharge the statutory duties set forth in KRS 227.491, including the limitations on supplanting other inspectors, on certifying unlicensed work, and on the requirement to verify contractor licensure.

10. All County-appointed inspectors shall maintain records of all inspections and, upon demand, shall make those records available to the Christian County Judge/Executive, the Fiscal Court, or the Planning Commission. Inspection records held by an inspector acting as an agent of Christian

County shall be treated as public records subject to the Kentucky Open Records Act, KRS 61.870 to 61.884, and each inspector shall cooperate with any open-records request routed through the County.

11. All County-appointed inspectors shall have the right, during reasonable hours, to enter any building in the discharge of his or her official duties.

SECTION THREE: SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such infirmity shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES

Any and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with this Ordinance are hereby repealed, including specifically Ordinance No. 2015-02.

SECTION FIVE: EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, publication, and recording according to law, in accordance with KRS 67.075 and KRS 67.077.

First reading of this Ordinance had on the 25th day of August, 2026.

Second reading of this Ordinance had on the _____ day of _____, 2026.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT

BY: _____

Jerry Gilliam, Christian County Judge/Executive

ATTEST: _____

Melinda Humphries, Christian County Clerk

**CHRISTIAN COUNTY FISCAL COURT
TENTATIVE AGENDA**

DATE: September 8, 2026

TIME: 8:30 A.M.

- I. CALL TO ORDER***
- II. ROLL CALL***
- III. PRAYER***
- IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE***
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES***
- VI. APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES***
- VII. TREASURERS REPORT***
- VIII. COMMISSION & BOARD REPORT***
- IX. CITIZENS PARTICIPATION***
- X. OLD BUSINESS***
 - a. 2nd Reading of Ordinance 2026-04, Electrical Inspector Fees***
- XI. NEW BUSINESS***
 - a. Approval of Animal Shelter Design to Build Bid***
 - b. Approval of MOU, Grace and Mercy Opioid Funding***
 - c. Approval of MOU, Redeemed and Restored Opioid Funding***
 - d. Approval of MOU, CASA by the Lakes***
 - e. Approval of Incentive-Jerry Gilliam***
- XII. PERSONNEL***
- XIII. NEXT MEETING SET – September 22, 2026***
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT***