



Summary of Ordinances

Tax Ordinance - This **annual** ordinance establishes the City of Druid Hills tax rate for real property for the fiscal year. The City Treasurer presents a proposed tax rate for approval by the Commissioners in May and the ordinance is approved in June. Note: The tax rate is a factor of the City's property values as provided to the Treasurer by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Authority (PVA).

Budget Ordinance - This **annual** ordinance establishes the City of Druid Hills budget for the fiscal year. The City's fiscal year runs from July 1st through June 30th of the following year. The City Treasurer presents a proposed budget for review and comment by the Commissioners in May and the ordinance is approved in June.

Meeting Schedule Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 3) [2024-3] - This ordinance establishes the schedule for the City of Druid Hills regular monthly meetings. The Commissioners meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in a meeting room at the Broadway Baptist Church, 4000 Brownsboro Road. Residents are always invited and encouraged to attend.

Code of Ethics Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 4) [4-1994] - This ordinance establishes a Code of Ethical Conduct applicable to all elected and appointed officials of the City of Druid Hills. It also provides for an Ethics Administrator who has the responsibility for enforcing the Code as written, and for resolving any conflicts that may arise. Finally, this ordinance establishes penalties for breach of this Code.

Parking Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 5) [5-1998] - This ordinance regulates parking on City streets and defines when such parking is and is not allowed. It also defines where motor vehicles, boats, campers, and other such vehicles may be parked. It further defines off-street parking spaces and specifies the minimum size for such a space. Finally, it allows the Commissioners to levy a specified monetary fine for continued violations of the ordinance.

Property Maintenance Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 6) [6-1978] - This ordinance specifies that property owners are responsible for the normal maintenance of their real property within the City. This includes keeping lots free of high weeds, grass, and other undesirable vegetation. Any pertinent Jefferson County ordinance or ruling on this subject shall supersede the City's ordinance and shall be enforced to the full extent of the law.

Animal Control Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 7) [7-1992] - This ordinance provides for the control of animals within the City for the protection of both public and property. It also seeks to protect animals within the City. Finally, it provides for penalties for the continued violation of the ordinance.

Olympic Avenue Traffic Control Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 8) [8-1992] - This ordinance provided for the closing of the northeast end of Olympic Avenue at its terminus into the Broadway Baptist Church property.

Tree Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 9) [9-2016] - This ordinance identifies the mature trees within the City as a valued public resource and specifies the intent to preserve and maintain a tree canopy on all Druid Hills streets. It specifies that it is unlawful to remove, substantially prune or in any other manner destroy a tree without prior written approval from the City's arborist and a Commissioner.

Criteria for removal approval are specified along with a time limit for review of such a request. The ordinance was amended to read that the actual approved removal of a tree also requires that the stump be removed to or below existing grade. Finally, the penalty for violating the ordinance's provisions which **may** be imposed by the Commission is specified.

In 2016 the City Commissioners approved an amendment to this Ordinance implementing a Tree Rebate program to encourage residents to plant trees. A \$50.00 per tree rebate is available to residents who meet the program criteria.

Construction Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 10) [10-2024] -This ordinance requires all residents to submit detailed plans and specifications for the construction of any buildings, additions to buildings, porches, swimming pools, additional out-buildings, or additional paving to the City of Druid Hills' Review Committee prior to the start of construction. Approval by this Committee is required before Metro Louisville will issue a building permit.

Note: This ordinance does **not** supersede any Metro Louisville laws or regulations. All current zoning laws and building code requirements must be met.

This ordinance also specifies the time limit allocated for the City's review and provides for an appeal process should a plan approval be denied. Finally, the Ordinance lists the monetary penalty that may be assessed a resident by the Commission should a violation occur.

KLC Insurance Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 11) [11-2004] - This ordinance gave the Commissioner's approval for the City to join the Kentucky League of Cities and the Kentucky Municipal Risk Management Association. Membership in both organizations is required before the City can participate in the lower cost general liability insurance pool which these groups offer to cities in Kentucky. Private carriers are no longer offering municipal general liability policies.

City Employee Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 12) [12-2008 | Amendment 1 – 4/2019| Amendment 2 – 1/2023 | Amended 2025-1] - This ordinance establishes a Department of Administration for the City. The duly elected Mayor will be the direct supervisor for all City employees. This includes but is not limited to the City Attorney, Clerk, and Treasurer. This ordinance is now required by a Commonwealth statute.

Cable Franchise Agreement Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 13) [13-2011] - This ordinance renews and extends the cable franchise agreement that the City has with the current Metro Louisville cable information systems provider. With this ordinance, the City receives revenue from a tax on the cable provider's infrastructure (cable lines, etc.) located within the Druid Hills city limits.

Google Fiber Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 14) [14-2026] - This ordinance grants a communications franchise and authorizes execution of a uniform franchise agreement with Google Fiber of KY.

Elected Officer Compensation Ordinance (formerly Ordinance 16) [2026-1] - This ordinance establishes elected officer pay. The ordinance takes effect after the next election from the approval date.

FOR MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF ANY OF THE ORDINANCES, CONTACT ONE OF YOUR COMMISSIONERS OR THE MAYOR.