

**CITY OF KINGSLEY**  
**ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES 2023**  
**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING KINGSLEY ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2019**  
**CONCERNING THE IMPOSITION OF FEES ON COMPANIES WHO ISSUE CERTAIN INSURANCE**  
**POLICIES IN THE CITY AND IMPOSING A 5% LICENSE FEE FOR LIFE INSURANCE**

WHEREAS, KRS 91.080 through 91.0810 authorize cities and other local governments to impose license fees or taxes upon insurance companies for the privilege of engaging in the business of insurance within the corporate limits "local government premium tax" or "LGPT";

WHEREAS, the City Commissioners and Mayor of the City of Kingsley, Kentucky "CITY" adopted ordinances imposing LGPT upon insurance companies engaging in the business of insurance within the City's corporate limits (the ORIGINAL ORDINANCE");

WHEREAS, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government "METRO") levies LGPT upon insurance companies engaging in the business of insurance within the corporate limits of Jefferson County, including within the corporate limits of the city;

WHEREAS, KRS 91A.080 (12) provides that the City LGPT shall be credited against the Metro LGPT, such that all LGPT revenue from engaging in the business of insurance within the City is paid to the City provided the LGPT is imposed in amount at least equivalent to the Metro LGPT;

WHEREAS, KRS 91.080(1) provides that LGPT rate changes take effect July 1 of each year on a prospective basis only and requires that any ordinance changing LGPT rates to be filed with the Kentucky Commission of Insurance at least one hundred (100) days prior to the effective date; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined and hereby declares it is necessary, desirable and in the public interest for the City to repeal and simultaneously replace its Original Ordinance for the purpose of establishing a LGPT equal to the amount that provides the maximum allowable credit against the Metro LGPT;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KINGSLEY, KENTUCKY:

Section 1: Any and all ordinances of the City imposing license fees upon insurance companies engaging in the business of insurance within the corporate limits of the City are hereby repealed in its entirety.

Section 2: A new Chapter of the City's ordinances is hereby adopted as follows:

1. Imposition of license fee.

There is hereby imposed on each insurance company a license fee (hereinafter referred to as a local government premiums tax, "LGPT"), for the privilege of engaging in the business of insurance within the corporate limits of the City, on a calendar basis, based upon the following:

- a. "Premiums" is defined as premiums actually collected by an insurance company within each calendar quarter by reason of the issuance of policies and contracts of insurance on risks located within the City and includes premiums on new policies and contracts of insurance and on renewal business, as well as all other classes of premiums, less all premiums returned to policyholders.
- b. Except as otherwise provided in subsection (c) below, the license fee imposed upon each insurance company which issues any insurance policy or contract of insurance shall be the following percentage of Premiums on those classes of insurance which such company is authorized to issue (the "BASE FEE"):

CLASS	INITIAL RATE
Fire and Allied Perils	5%
Casual Liability Only	5%
Vehicle	5%
Inland Marine	5%
Health	5%
Life	5% [0%]
All Other Risks Taxed	5%

The Base Fee shall not apply to Premiums exempted by state or federal law.

- c. In addition to the Base Fee, an additional license fee in the amount of 7.5% is hereby imposed by the City upon each insurance company on the premiums for each class of insurance listed in Section (b) above, provided that Louisville Metro has raised its LGPT rate from 5% to 12.5% effective July 1, 2019 for any of the classes of insurance listed in Section (b) above. In the event the Louisville Metro LGPT effective 7/1/19 is raised to an amount different than 12.5% but more than the City's Base Fee, the City hereby imposes an additional license fee on each class of insurance listed in Section (b) above, equal to the City LGPT credit allowable under KRS 91A.080(12). In the event the Louisville Metro LGPT effective July 1, 2019 remains 5% for any class of insurance listed in Section (b) above, the City's Base Fee shall apply.

2. Fees to be paid to the General Revenue Fund

The license fee or tax established by the Chapter is imposed and levied for the purpose of general revenue funds and shall be paid into the general fund of the City.

3. The license fee or tax imposed by a City upon each insurance company with respect to life insurance policies may be based upon the first year's premiums and shall be applied to the amount of premium actually collected within each calendar quarter upon the lives of persons residing within the corporate limits of the city.
4. Amount of fee for companies issuing policies other than life insurance:
  - A. The license fee or tax imposed upon each insurance company with respect to any policy which is not a life insurance policy shall be of the premiums actually collected by the insurance company within each calendar quarter on risks located within the corporate limits of the city on those classes of business which the insurance company is authorized to transact, less all premiums returned to the policyholders.
  - B. The license fee or tax shall not apply to premiums:
    1. Received on policies of group health insurance provided by for state employees under KRS 18A.225;
    2. Received on policies insuring employers against liability for personal injuries to their employees or the death of their employees caused thereby, under the provisions of KRS 342;
    3. Received on health insurance policies issued to individuals;
    4. Received on policies issued through Kentucky Access created in Subtitle 17b of KRS Chapter 304;
    5. Received on policies for high deductible health plans as defined in 26 U.S.C. 223(c)(2);
    6. Received on multi-state surplus lines, defined as non-admitted insurance as provided in Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act Pub.L.no.113-203; or
    7. Paid to insurance companies or surplus line brokers by non-profit self-insurance groups or self-insurance entities whose membership consists of cities, counties, charter county government, urban-county government, consolidated local government, unified local government, school districts, or any other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth.
  - C. No license fee or tax imposed under this section shall apply to premiums paid to insurers of municipal bonds, leases, or other debt instruments issued by or on behalf of a city, county, charter county government, urban-county government, consolidated local government, special district, non-profit corporation, or other political subdivisions of the Commonwealth. However, this exemption shall not apply if the bonds, leases, or other debt instruments are issued for profit or on behalf of for-profit or private organizations.
5. Due Date; Interest and Refunds:
  - A. All license fees imposed by this chapter shall be due no later than 30 days after the end of each calendar month;
  - B. Any insurance company or agent that overpays any license fee or tax to a City shall be refunded the amount overpaid. If it is determined that an insurance company or agent paid a license fee or tax to a city based upon the premiums collected upon risks which are discovered to be located outside the legal corporate limits of the City which was paid the license fee or tax, the insurance company or agent shall be refunded those license fees and taxes within 90 days' notice to the city paid.
  - C. License fees which are not paid on or before the due date shall bear interest at the tax interest rate as defined in KRS 131.01(6) from the due date until paid.
6. Written Breakdown of Collections. Every insurance company subject to the license fees imposed by this chapter shall annually, by March 31<sup>st</sup>, furnish the City with a written breakdown of all collections in the preceding calendar year for the following categories of insurance:
  - A. Fire and Allied Perils
  - B. Casualty Liability
  - C. Vehicle (Automobile)
  - D. Inland Marine
  - E. Health
  - F. Life
  - G. All Other Risks Taxes




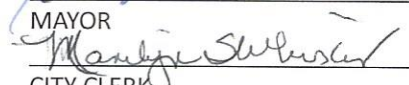
7. Inspection of records and accounts. Every insurance company subject to license fees or tax shall maintain records adequate to support their reports required to be filed under this chapter. Authority is given to the City of Kingsley or a representative thereof to make inspections of the books, accounts, and records of the agent or insurance company to verify the correctness of any report or breakdown of collections.
8. Liability of Agents. This section applies to insurance agents and surplus line brokers to the extent they are responsible for collection, reporting, and payment of license fees pursuant to KRS 91A.080.
9. Severability. If any provision of this chapter as now or later amended or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.
10. Penalty. Pursuant to KRS 91A.080, willful failure to properly collect and remit the license fees or taxes imposed by this chapter may constitute grounds for the revocation of the license issued to an insurance company or agent under the provisions of KRS Chapter 304 or may result in other penalties being imposed by the State Office of Insurance.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption and publication.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSIONERS AND MAYOR OF THE CITY OF KINGSLEY, KENTUCKY, upon second reading at a meeting held on 4 day of JANUARY, 2024.

Following first reading at a meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023.

And following such adoption signed by the Mayor as evidence of approval, ordered to be published in summary form according to law, and declared to be in full force and effect according to law.

 APPROVED  
MAYOR  
 ATTEST  
CITY CLERK

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
George Burns	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jamie Klein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ron Peron	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Andy Looney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tom Schlindwein	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>