



CITY OF

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KY PASSES SALES & USE TAX

In accordance with House Bill 8 that was passed by State Legislation, utility companies must collect a 6% sales tax on water service and sewer service. However, according to KRS 139.470(7) there are exemptions that could be applicable.

If you own or rent, and only have ONE utility account in your name you can claim this service address as your primary residence.

If a property owner has multiple utility accounts in their name, but have tenants currently living in the home, the account could also be exempt.

All utility companies are handling this matter differently. The City of Vine Grove is requiring the exemption form, 51A380, to be completed. You can do this on our website www.vinegrove.org.

This tax becomes effective January 1, 2023.

BEWARE: COLD WEATHER

Winter is approaching as well as the cold weather that it brings. When below freezing temperatures set in, it is not uncommon for household pipes to freeze. Make sure that the temperature inside your home is set no lower than 55 degrees. Open cabinet doors to allow for heat to get to un-insulated pipes.

During an event that may cause the loss of power, the Safe Room located at 513 Highland Avenue is available for all.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE KIDS:

The City of Vine Grove would like to recognize several sponsors who made the auction the most successful charity auction that we have ever had!!

Dirtworks Unlimited LLC
J.E. Bramblett Re/Max Executive Group, Inc.
Heritage Engineering
Chism Family Funeral Home
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Knights of Columbus
Vine Grove Masonic Lodge #603
The Family & Friends of Chuck Ashley
Patriot Realty
Vine Grove Firefighters Association
Phillips Brothers Construction
Lakeside Auto Mart
Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home
Janet Team, Re/Max Executive Group, Inc.
VFW Post #10281
Vine Grove Body Shop
Bob Cooper Insurance
A-1 Roofing
Sky is the Limit

We also thank all the community members who made monetary donations, and all the bidders who were in attendance bidding on the auction items! This event would not have been successful without small businesses and community members donating auction items. Some of our top selling items were a pecan pie for \$1,500, a Hummingbird cake for \$700, an Italian Cream Cake for \$500, a Vine Grove Christmas Ornament for \$500, and a country ham for \$525. A boy's bike was donated and sold back three times for bid! The third buyer donated it to the City to give to a child for Christmas. We do apologize if anyone was left off, but we had such an outpouring of support this year. Ultimately, **\$26,500** was raised for the children in our Vine Grove community!! This exceeded the goal that was anticipated.

THANK YOU TO ALL INVOLVED IN THIS ENDEAVOR! The City of Vine Grove will be able to sponsor more children in our community next year and assist in ensuring the children have a well deserved Christmas.

Santa and Mrs. Claus also enjoyed visiting and taking pictures with all of the children. The link to those pictures have been posted on our Vine Grove City Hall Facebook page. We hope everyone enjoyed the chili supper provided by the Knights of Columbus!

They will be missed!!



CHIEF STEVEN NEW (left)

The City of Vine Grove is reluctantly saying good-bye to Fire Chief Steve New. Steve is retiring after spending 46 years with the Vine Grove Fire Department. Steve is ready to retire and pass on the axe. The City of Vine Grove is excited for him to be able to enjoy his retirement, but we will miss him.

Steve is an Air Force veteran and retired from Civil Service at Fort Knox in 2009. He began his career as a volunteer firefighter with Vine Grove in 1977 as a firefighter and in 2001 became a part-time Fire Chief. In 2009 he was promoted as the full-time Fire Chief of Vine Grove.

He is a dedicated and loyal employee to the city and the citizens of Vine Grove. He strives everyday to create a strong fire department. He commands 26 fire fighters with different levels of fire fighting certifications. It truly takes a selfless, and dedicated person to manage a volunteer fire department successfully for 46 years. This is all dedicated to the citizens of Vine Grove to keep them safe.

Throughout his years of community service, Steve has had the support of his wife, of 18 years, Teresa New, his two daughters, Kristen New-Coleman, Brianna Deom, and his son, David New.

We truly wish him the best in his retirement and hope he enjoys working on his family farm and woodworking!

DEPUTY CHIEF SAM PEARSON (right)

Along with Chief New's retirement, the city is also sadly saying good-bye to Deputy Chief Sam Pearson. He has served alongside the Fire Chief for 41 years! Sam Pearson has also selflessly served the Vine Grove community in a volunteer Deputy Chief position! He served in a crucial position with assisting and aiding the Fire Department and Chief.

Sam is retired from the Army in 1987 after serving 20 years. He began his civilian career at AP Technoglass where he retired from in 2011. He began volunteering with the Vine Grove Fire Department in 1981. Sam began serving on the City of Vine Grove Board of Adjustment thirteen years ago and currently still does.

Both Sam and Steve worked closely together establishing the pink fire truck for the Hardin County Community in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

Of course Sam had a supportive family while selflessly volunteering on the Vine Grove Fire Department. He has been married to his wife Cheryl for eight years and has two daughters, Holly Sheroan, Kellee Stankovich, and his son, Lee Pearson.