



**Office of the Mayor  
City of Hopkinsville**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**19-2026**

**February 17, 2026**

**AN ORDER CREATING THE “HOPKINSVILLE HOUSING TASK FORCE” AND DIRECTING THE CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE’S AUTHORIZED STAFF TO ASSIST THE TASK FORCE IN ACCOMPLISHING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**WHEREAS**, the city seeks to enlarge Hopkinsville’s portfolio of affordable income aligned housing while protecting the unique character of historic neighborhoods; and

**WHEREAS**, the revitalization of vacant lots and abandoned homes will result in a reduction of code enforcement requests, crime, and increase property value; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bowen National Research Housing Needs Assessment suggests the City of Hopkinsville itself needs an additional 3,136 units of housing by 2030 due to its current growth; and

**WHEREAS**, it is prudent to establish a “Hopkinsville Housing Task Force” composed of city officials and community leaders to guide the City of Hopkinsville in implementing housing development strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopkinsville Housing Task Force shall have no legislative or executive authority, and will only make recommendations to the Hopkinsville Mayor and City Council.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor hereby establishes the Hopkinsville Housing Task Force (“Task Force”).

**1.** The Task Force shall consist of eleven (11) members, appointed by the Mayor:

Travis Martin – Hopkinsville City Council  
Donald Marsh – Hopkinsville City Council  
Phillip Brooks – Educator and Former Hopkinsville City Council Member  
Jason Vincent – Pennyriple Area Development District  
Melissa Spurr – Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority  
Jeff Hurd – Hopkinsville Electric System  
Alan Gates – Pennyriple Electric  
Laura Faulkner – Hopkinsville Housing Authority  
Carter Hendricks – South Western Kentucky Economic Development Council  
Eyvette Sellers – Planters Bank  
Christy Madyun – Neighborhood Association

**2.** To provide essential guidance and administrative assistance, the following city staff and city agency members shall staff the Task Force:

a. Community and Development Services Executive Director – Serving as a senior advisor will provide planning expertise, insights on current housing strategies, and historical background.

b. Landbank Chair – Serving as a special advisor.

c. Landbank Coordinator – Serving as a special advisor.

d. Policy Analyst – Will offer insights on the current housing strategy efforts and assist with research.

e. Other staff will be utilized throughout including, but not limited to; City Attorney, City Finance Director, City Public Information Officer, Public Works Director, and others as needed.

**3.** The Task Force's duties and responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

a. Review applicable zoning and development hurdles.

b. Utilizing a consultant, engage with Hopkinsville developers and other relevant stakeholders to review and incorporate their perspectives.

c. Review Municipal Order 17-2017 (Housing Incentive Policy) and recommend changes.

d. Discuss the execution of other relative housing recommendations set forth in the Housing Needs Assessment.

e. The Task Force will submit any and all recommendations to the Mayor and City Council within 12 months of the effective date of this executive order.

**4.** City staff are directed to assist the Task Force in performing its duties and responsibilities by providing information and/or materials requested by the City Administrator or other relevant staff.

**5.** The Task Force shall meet regularly, but no less than once per quarter over the 2026 calendar year.

**6.** The Task Force may be reconvened during the effective dates of this Order to update or expand the report or its findings.

**7.** This Order shall be in effect from February 17, 2026, until February 17, 2028.

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Mayor James R. Knight Jr.