



ANDY BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Secretary of State  
Frankfort  
Kentucky

2026-314  
May 26, 2026

**RENEWAL OF STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO  
THE PROHIBITION AGAINST PRICE GOUGING**

Beginning on May 11, 2026, through Executive Order 2026-235 under KRS Chapter 39A, I declared a State of Emergency relating to gas prices in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and reduced the gas tax in KRS 138.220(1)(a) by 10 cents (\$0.10) per gallon to help Kentucky families. In that Executive Order, I also implemented the price gouging statutes, KRS 367.372, *et seq.* to enforce the gas tax reduction so providers did not simply keep the 10 cents per gallon for themselves.

To help provide some relief to Kentuckians, I also issued Executive Order 2026-236 to freeze any increase in motor vehicle property taxes in 2027. I strongly urged leadership of the United States Congress and our Kentucky congressional delegation to suspend the federal gas tax until the end of the year. And I froze the gas tax through an emergency administrative regulation promulgated by the Kentucky Department of Revenue to keep it from automatically increasing on July 1, 2026, which should save Kentuckians about \$1.7 million per month.

I took these actions after successfully asking the United States Environmental Protection Agency to remove the reformulated gasoline requirements for Jefferson County, a portion of Oldham County and a portion of Bullitt County, and relieve Kentuckians in those counties from the additional 10 to 35 cents per gallon at the pump. The reformulated gas requirements in place for more than 30 years will end on May 27, 2026, will save drivers in those counties about \$137 million a year.

Although my actions have helped save Kentuckians dollars at the pump, gas prices remain too high in Kentucky as the President's conflict in Iran continues and the Strait of Hormuz remains either closed or dramatically reduced to traffic. According to the Automobile Association of America ("AAA"), as of May 26, 2026, the average price of



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gas in Kentucky is \$4.25 per gallon, up from \$3.83 per gallon a month before and up from \$2.83 per gallon a year ago. The AA national average gas price is \$4.49 per gallon, up from \$4.10 per gallon a month before and \$3.18 per gallon a year ago.

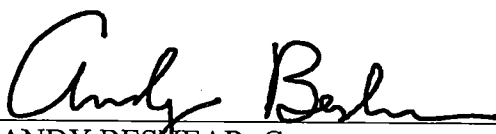
The State of Emergency continues in the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Kentucky Constitution and KRS Chapters 367 and 39A, do hereby renew implementation of the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as to the sale of goods and services, specifically, gasoline or other motor fuels, and do hereby Order and Direct that:

- a. No person, within the meaning of KRS 446.010, shall sell or offer to sell gasoline or other motor fuels, *see* KRS 367.374(1)(b)1, at a price grossly in excess of the price prior to the declaration of this State of Emergency;
- b. The foregoing is subject to the qualifications and limitations set forth otherwise in KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, with regard to increased costs to sellers *inter alia*;
- c. Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 367.372, *et seq.*, as implemented by this Order, shall be subject to the penalties set forth in KRS 367.378 or other applicable law; and
- d. The Division of Emergency Management shall immediately notify the public and those registered with the Division for the purpose of receiving notice of the implementation, renewal, or termination of the provisions of this Order relating to KRS 367.374. The Division shall notify the public by any means available, including the Division's website, news media, and electronic mail. Any person or trade association may register with the Division for the purpose of receiving notification.

This Order shall be effective on May 27, 2026, upon the expiration of the provisions of paragraph 2. of Executive Order 2026-235.

  
MICHAEL G. ADAMS  
Secretary of State

  
ANDY BESHEAR, Governor  
Commonwealth of Kentucky

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