



ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2026-350
June 10, 2026

AMENDED STATE OF EMERGENCY

On May 5, 2026, I signed Executive Order 2026-235 to declare a State of Emergency and cut the state gas tax by 10 cents (\$0.10) to help Kentucky families facing pain at the pump. High gas prices caused by the war in Iran threaten our families' ability to realize the American Dream. Choosing to help Kentuckians, the gas tax cut started on May 11 with the agreement of the Attorney General, and has brought some relief at the pump.

As part of that Executive Order, I implemented the price gouging statutes to enforce the gas tax reduction so providers do not simply keep the 10 cents per gallon for themselves. I also froze the state gas tax through an emergency administrative regulation filed 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 also issued Executive Order 2026-236 to freeze any increase in motor vehicle property taxes in 2027.

In addition, I urged leadership of the United States Congress and our Kentucky congressional delegation to support suspending the federal gas tax until the end of the year. On June 8, I sent President Donald J. Trump a letter stating that I agree with his proposal that Congress suspend the federal gas tax, despite Republican members of our legislature disagreeing with my action cutting and freezing the gas tax.

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, to relieve Kentuckians in those counties from the additional 10 to 35 cents per gallon at the pump. The federal government's reformulated gas requirements, in place for more than 30 years, ended on May 27, 2026, and will save drivers in those counties about \$137 million a year.

The pain at the pump continues to hurt Kentucky families with high gas prices throughout the Commonwealth. According to the Automobile Association of America ("AAA"), as of June 9, 2026, the average price of gas in Kentucky was \$3.74 per gallon, up from \$2.80 the year before. The average price for Kentucky reached as high as \$4.98 per gallon in April. The AAA national average gas price was \$4.16 per gallon on June 9, 2026 – up from \$2.98 per gallon before the war in Iran began.

Rising fuel costs are driving price increases on food, consumer goods, and other services that travel over our roads and highways to make it to grocery stores and eventually our kitchen tables.

Under KRS 39A.090(2)(b), the state of emergency declared under Executive Order 2026-235 may exceed 30 days if requested by a chief executive officer or a legislative body of a local government only for that local government and only for the period of time requested by the chief executive officer or legislative body. Six County Judge/Executives, one Mayor of a consolidated local government, and 32 City Mayors wrote letters requesting that I extend the State of Emergency under Executive Order 2026-235, including the price gouging protections as extended in Executive Order 2026-314, through June 30, 2026. These letters are attached to this Executive Order and are adopted and incorporated by



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reference herein. Six Mayors of cities located within Jefferson County that will be covered by the extension for all of Jefferson County are not included in the below list.

Although I would have preferred extending the State of Emergency statewide, under the law that would have required extension requests from all County Judge/Executives or county legislative bodies. Residents of counties where County Judge/Executives chose not to request an extension should expect their gas prices to increase by 10 cents (\$0.10) per gallon beginning on June 11.

On June 9, 2026, I signed Executive Order 2026-347 to extend the State of Emergency under Executive Order 2026-235, including the implementation of the price gouging statutes as extended by Executive Order 2026-314, through June 30, 2026 for the local jurisdictions that requested an extension. Subsequent to signing that Order, the Mayor of the City of Earlington withdrew his request for an extension.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS Chapters 39A and 367, do hereby declare that a State of Emergency relating to gas prices continues to exist in the Commonwealth of Kentucky and do hereby amend Executive Order 2026-347 and ORDER and DIRECT that Executive Order 2026-235 as extended by Executive Order 2026-347, including implementation of the price gouging statutes as extended by Executive Order 2026-314, be extended through June 30, 2026 in the following local jurisdictions:

City of Alexandria	City of Jenkins	City of Whitesville
City of Ashland	City of London	City of Winchester
City of Campton	City of McHenry	Louisville Jefferson
City of Carrsville	City of Oak Grove	County Metro
City of Clay City	City of Owensboro	Government
City of Covington	City of Owingsville	Carter County
City of Drakesboro	City of Paintsville	Graves County
City of Eminence	City of Park City	Magoffin County
City of Falmouth	City of Sebree	Morgan County
City of Gamaliel	City of Smithfield	Wolfe County
City of Glencoe	City of Smiths Grove	
City of Island	City of West Point	

This order shall be effective June 11, 2026.

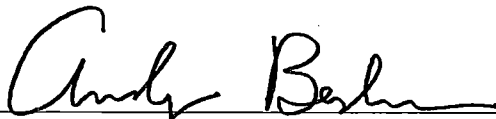


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