

Review of Short-Term Rentals

File ID: <u>0864-24</u>	Current Sponsor: J. Brown	Referral Date: June 11, 2019	Last Presentation: August 29, 2024
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This item established [short-term rentals](#) as a legal use and defined a process for approval and enforcement. Amendments to the Code of Ordinances included definitions, the process of obtaining a special fee license, special fee license enforcement, transient room taxes, occupational license fees, the creation of short-term rental “duties of the licensee,” and the establishment of licensee requirements for online advertising. The most recent changes from the [Planning Commission](#) to the full Council were approved in December 2024. **This item may move to annual/periodic updates.**

Short-Term Rentals in Rural/Agricultural Zones

File ID: <u>0901-24</u>	Current Sponsor: J. Brown	Referral Date: June 11, 2019	Last Presentation: October 15, 2024
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The Council requested that the [Rural Land Management Board](#) propose regulations for short-term rentals in rural areas, specifically in Agricultural Zones. The committee reviewed those recommendations on May 7, September 10, and October 15, 2024. During the October 2024 meeting, the committee voted to move these to the full Council and the Planning Commission. The ZOTA will return to the full Council on January 14 for action.

Review of Recommendations for Ensuring the Continuous Operations for Shared Use Paths

File ID: <u>0074-22</u>	Current Sponsor: C. Ellinger	Referral Date: August 10, 2021	Last Presentation: January 18, 2022
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In January 2022, Scott Thompson, a Bicycle and pedestrian Planner with the [Lexington Area MPO](#), presented the importance of transportation systems, such as travel lanes, bike lanes, sidewalks, and shared-use paths, for people of all ages in every part of our community. Access is maintained to ensure reliability during new construction, redesigns, roadway improvements, and operations maintenance. No further action on this item is planned at this time. **This item may be removed.**

Assessment and Historic Preservation of Lexington’s African American Hamlets (A Sense of Place)

File ID: <u>0902-24</u>	Current Sponsor: J. Brown	Referral Date: April 26, 2022	Last Presentation: September 10, 2024
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First heard in December 2022, the Assessment and Historic Preservation of Lexington’s African American Hamlets (now known as [A Sense of Place](#)) has grown tremendously. In September 2024, Tiffany Brown, Equity and Implementation Officer in the Mayor’s Administration, presented on that growth and its goals moving forward. CM Brown is the new sponsor. **This item will remain in committee for updates.**

Examine Opportunities to Relocate Programming and Initiatives from the Mayor's Office to Other Relevant Divisions within LFUCG

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: L. Sheehan	Referral Date: May 31, 2022	Last Presentation: N/A
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The General Government & Social Services budget link referred this item to the committee during the FY23 budget process with the intent to evaluate why programs in the Mayor's office are increasing, if this practice is sustainable, and if there are better places in government for some of these programs to reside. **This item is under review.**

Charter Review

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: L. Sheehan	Referral Date: November 1, 2022	Last Presentation: N/A
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The [2021 Redistricting](#) Work Group recommended this item to the committee for a comprehensive review of the [LFUCG Charter](#). Work on this item started in 2023 and will continue into 2025. A presentation is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2025.

Acquire Investor Owned or Other Properties

File ID: N/A	Former Sponsor: P. Worley	Referral Date: November 3, 2022	Last Presentation: N/A
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[Housing Advocacy and Community Development](#) staff who previously worked on this item are no longer with LFUCG, which has resulted in a review of this item with the commissioner. **This item needs a new sponsor.**

Disparity Study

File ID: 0405-24	Current Sponsor: C. Ellinger	Referral Date: November 15, 2022	Last Presentation: April 16, 2024
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Sherita Miller, [Minority Business](#) Enterprise Liaison, presented the [study](#), which reviewed business participation, availability, and disparities; analyzed marketplace conditions; collected qualitative and anecdotal information; provided policy and program recommendations; and provided legal compliance guidance. **This item may be presented at a future [Budget, Finance & Economic Development Committee](#) meeting.**

Boards and Commissions Comprehensive Review

File ID: 0804-23	Current Sponsor: S. Lynch	Referral Date: January, 24, 2023	Last Presentation: August 15, 2023
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This item originated from the August 2023 [Tenants on Boards and Commissions presentation](#). The 2025 presentation will comprehensively review our boards and commissions, focusing on Council involvement, the appointment process, equality, and representation. **A presentation is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2025.**

Planning and Development Study: Recommendation #8 Tighten Certification to Lock in Requirements

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: J. Reynolds	Referral Date: June 27, 2023	Last Presentation: N/A
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This item comes from the June 2023 [Planning and Development Approval Process Study presentation at Work Session](#). After zone change applications receive formal approval, the process of finalizing the details is called Certification. During that process, Planning staff can increase requirements relative to the approval (wider sidewalks, etc.). The only alternative is for the Applicant to return to the approving body. As now conducted, Certification can add time, increase costs, and decrease the predictability of approvals. The study listed several potential solutions to this recommendation. **This item is in progress with Planning.**

Planning and Development Study: Recommendation #10 Establish a Development Liaison Position

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: J. Reynolds	Referral Date: June 27, 2023	Last Presentation: N/A
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This item comes from the June 2023 [Planning and Development Approval Process Study presentation at Work Session](#). Establishing a “Development Liaison” position would help applicants navigate the approval process, making it less time-consuming and less costly for both the Applicant and the LFUCG. The study listed several potential solutions to this recommendation. **This item is in progress with Planning.**

Electronic Billboards

File ID: 0863-24	Former Sponsor: P. Worley	Referral Date: June 1, 2018	Last Presentation: August 29, 2024
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Updated state regulations on digital billboards were reviewed. Currently, there are no provisions for digital billboards in Lexington. Key issues are the brightness of signs, message hold times (transition method and duration), size, and locations. Proposed sign regulations to Article 17 were presented to the committee. The council initiated a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment (ZOTA) and advanced the ZOTA to the Planning Commission. The ordinance will return to the full Council on Tuesday, January 14 for action. **This item needs a new sponsor.**

Homelessness Need Assessment RFP

File ID: 0863-24	Former Sponsor: P. Worley	Referral Date: October 31, 2023	Last Presentation: February 13, 2024
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This item resulted from the fund balance discussion in the fall of 2023. It is an RFP that analyzes Lexington's housing and homelessness needs. **A presentation is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2025. This item needs a new sponsor.**

Comprehensive Plan Theme A: Equity Policies 1 & 2 Continuing Education

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: D. Wu	Referral Date: January 16, 2024	Last Presentation: N/A
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Surrounding the momentum of the Undesign the Redline campaign, VM Wu placed this item into committee to review Lexington's planning history. **A report-out presentation may be given in the Spring.**

Office/Residential Conversions

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: D. Wu	Referral Date: January 16, 2024	Last Presentation: N/A
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Through his research, VM Wu learned that there are not enough office/residential vacancies to warrant proceeding with this item. **This item may be removed.**

Two-Way Street Conversions

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: D. Wu	Referral Date: January 16, 2024	Last Presentation: N/A
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To avoid duplicate work, we are waiting to complete the Downtown Master Plan and/or Traffic Task Force, which may encompass this item. **This item may be removed.**

Bring Back the Bluegrass

File ID: <u>0903-24</u>	Current Sponsor: D. Gray	Referral Date: October 31, 2023	Last Presentation: September 10, 2024
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Deputy Director Chris Cooperrider presented on Parks and Recreation's naturalization efforts in some of our parks. In response to the 2018 Master Plan Survey, naturalization efforts began in March 2020 as "Bring Back the Bluegrass." The #1 request in that plan was more hiking and walking trails, which they implemented through grass-mown trails. Cooperrider reviewed the program's resulting benefits, improvements, and future plans. This item was asked to be kept in committee. **An update from Parks may be requested for Fall 2025.**

Absentee Landlords

File ID: N/A	Current Sponsor: D. Gray	Referral Date: August 20, 2024	Last Presentation: N/A
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This item was referred to the committee during the August 20, 2024 Work Session. **This item is in progress.**

Solar Energy Systems Zoning Ordinance

File ID: N/A	Former Sponsor: P. Worley	Referral Date: October 24, 2024	Last Presentation: N/A
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This item was referred to the committee after removing it from the October 24, 2024, Council Meeting docket. PLN-ZOTA-24-00003: Solar Energy Systems – a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to facilitate the siting, development, construction, installation, and decommissioning of solar energy systems in Lexington. **This item needs a new sponsor.**

Efficiencies in our Development Processes and Compliance with HB 443 (KRS 100.275)

File ID: 0047-25	Former Sponsor: P. Worley	Referral Date: December 3, 2024	Last Presentation: N/A
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This item was placed in committee to allow Planning to showcase their work on processes concerning the changes made at the state level. **This item needs a new sponsor.**

Annual/Periodic Update

Lexington Global Engagement Center (Global Lex)

File ID: <u>0058-24</u>	Current Sponsor: J. Reynolds	Referral Date: January 2015	Last Presentation: January 16, 2024
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This item is in committee to receive periodic updates; it became an annual item starting in 2019. The last update, in January 2024, provided information on the city's international center and the services its staff provides LFUCG and the public. With the retirement of its Program Director, its annual update will be delayed. **The next presentation is tentatively scheduled for Spring 2025.**

Annual Status Report on Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Easement Acquisitions

File ID: <u>0402-24</u>	Current Sponsor: Committee Chair/Ordinance	Referral Date: N/A	Last Presentation: April 16, 2024
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This presentation is a requirement under Chapter 26 of our Code of Ordinances. The April 2024 update included a review of the application process, farm closings, pending easements, and withdrawals from the program. **The next presentation is tentatively scheduled for Summer 2025.**

Division and Program Review

File ID: 0402-24	Current Sponsor: Committee Chair	Referral Date: September 28, 2021	Last Presentation: November 15, 2022
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The Division and Program Reviews for Lex TV and Lex Call were shared on November 15, 2022, for information only. Subsequent divisions and/or program reviews were not selected by the 2023-2024 General Government and Planning Committee. **This item is under review.**

Lexington History Museum

File ID: 1043-24	Former Sponsor: K. Plomin	Referral Date: March 21, 2017	Last Presentation: October 15, 2024
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The October 2024 presentation shared their new corporate sponsorship and donor recognition programs and how LFUCG's contributions made it possible to have a new museum location at the Thomas Hunt Morgan House. They are working on consolidating its collections in storage. LexHistory has started the Lexington History Collective, an initiative to connect diverse and inclusive groups that collect, preserve, and exhibit unique aspects of Lexington's history. **The next presentation is tentatively scheduled for Fall or Winter 2025. This item needs a new sponsor.**

Landlord and Tenant Advisory Boards

File ID: 1044-24	Current Sponsor: S. Lynch	Referral Date: June 11, 2024	Last Presentation: October 15, 2024
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Following requests from KY Tenants for more tenant representation on boards and commissions, Commissioner Lanter's office began providing opportunities for both groups to share information and have input on the work of Housing Advocacy & Community Development. This item provides an update on both advisory boards. This became an annual item in October 2024. **The next presentation is tentatively scheduled for Fall or Winter 2025.**

Subcommittee, Work Group, Task Force

Public Input Subcommittee

File ID: 0605-24	Current Sponsor: H. LeGris	Referral Date: January 17, 2023	Last Presentation: June 11, 2024
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The purpose of this working group is to review, update, and improve the public input process for the Urban County Council, making it easier for residents to access information and engage with the Council. The group is reviewing and modernizing the current public input process for meetings of the Urban County Council. They also reviewed and updated the resident guidelines and expectations for in-person public comment. The following steps of this group include creating a marketing/education plan and providing periodic updates to the GGP Committee at key points in the process. The subcommittee continues to meet. The next meeting is February 20, 2025.

ITEMS REFERRED TO THE GENERAL GOVERNMENT & PLANNING (GGP) COMMITTEE

Referral Item	Current Sponsor	Date Referred	Last Presentation	Status	Legistar File ID
Review of Short-Term Rentals	J. Brown	June 11, 2019	August 29, 2024	Returned to full Council. Changes passed on 12/5/24. Item can move to periodic/annual updates.	0864-24
Rural Short-Term Rentals	J. Brown	June 11, 2019	October 15, 2024	Returning to full Council on 1/14/25 for action.	0901-24
Recommendations for Ensuring the Continuous Operations for Shared Use Paths, Sidewalks, and Bike Lanes	C. Ellinger	August 10, 2021	January 18, 2022	Item may be removed.	0074-22
Assessment of Lexington's African American Hamlets and Historic Preservation of Their Heritage	J. Brown	April 26, 2022	September 10, 2024	J. Brown is new sponsor. Item will stay in committee for updates.	0902-24
Examine opportunities to relocate programming and initiatives from the Mayor's Office to other relevant Divisions within LFUCG.	L. Sheehan	May 31, 2022	N/A	Item in review.	
Charter Review	L. Sheehan	November 1, 2022	N/A	Summer 2025	
Acquire investor owned or other properties	New sponsor needed	November 3, 2022	N/A	Item in review.	
Disparity Study	C. Ellinger	November 15, 2022	April 16, 2024	Presentation may occur in the BFED Committee.	0405-24
Boards and Commissions Comprehensive Review	S. Lynch	January 24, 2023	August 15, 2023	Spring 2025	0804-23
Planning and Development Approval Process Study: Recommendation #8 Tighten Certification to Lock in Requirements	J. Reynolds	June 27, 2023	N/A	Item in progress.	
Planning and Development Approval Process Study: Recommendation #10 Establish a Development Liaison Position	J. Reynolds	June 27, 2023	N/A	Item in progress.	
Electronic Billboards	New sponsor needed	June 1, 2018	August 29, 2024	Returning to full Council on 1/14/25 for action.	0863-24
Homelessness Need Assessment RFP	New sponsor needed	October 31, 2023	February 13, 2024	Spring 2025	0168-24
Comprehensive Plan Theme A: Equity Policies 1 & 2 Continuing Education	D Wu	January 16, 2024	N/A	Spring or Summer 2025 report out.	
Office/Residential Conversions	D. Wu	January 16, 2024	N/A	Item may be removed.	
Two-way Street Conversions	D. Wu	January 16, 2024	N/A	Item may be removed.	
Bring Back the Bluegrass	D. Gray	January 16, 2024	September 10, 2024	Update may be presented in Fall 2025.	0903-24
Absentee Landlords	D. Gray	August 20, 2024	N/A	Item in progress.	
Solar Energy Systems Zoning Ordinance	New sponsor needed	October 22, 2024	N/A	Returned to full Council and placed into committee.	
Efficiencies in our Development Processes and Compliance with HB 443 (KRS 100.275)	New sponsor needed	December 3, 2024	January 14, 2025		0047-25
Annual/Periodic Updates					
Lexington Global Engagement Center (Global Lex)	J. Reynolds	January 2015	January 16, 2024	Spring or Summer 2025	0058-24
Annual PDR Review (Required by Ordinance)	Committee chair/Ordinance		April 16, 2024	Summer 2025	0402-24
Division and Program Review - 2022 Evaluations Selection	Committee chair	November 30, 2021	November 15, 2022	Item in review.	1172-22
Lexington History Museum	Need new sponsor	May 28, 2019	October 15, 2024	Fall or Winter 2025	1043-24
Landlord and Tenant Advisory Boards	S. Lynch	June 11, 2024	October 15, 2024	Fall or Winter 2025	1044-24
Subcommittees, Work Groups, Task Forces					
Public Input Work Group	H. LeGris	January 17, 2023	June 11, 2024	In progress. Next meeting February 2025.	0605-24