

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507



Docket

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

1:00 PM

Council Chamber

Social Services & Public Safety (SSPS) Committee

Committee Agenda

- [0349-25](#) Approval of May 5, 2026 Social Services & Public Safety Committee Summary
- [0058-24](#) Global Lex Update
- [0498-26](#) STREEET Task Force: Bike Lane Ordinance
- [0499-26](#) Animal Care & Control Ordinance Updates
- [0355-25](#) Items Referred to Committee

Adjournment



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Committee Summary

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Summary

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Approval of May 5, 2026 Social Services & Public Safety Committee Summary



Social Services and Public Safety Committee

May 5, 2026

Summary and Motions

Chair Jennifer Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Vice Mayor Dan Wu and Committee Members Chuck Ellinger, Tyler Morton, Shayla Lynch, Tom Eblen, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Joseph Hale, Amy Beasley, and Whitney Elliott Baxter were in attendance as voting members. Council Members James Brown, Emma Curtis, Dave Sevigny, and Hil Boone were present as non-voting members.

I. APPROVAL OF APRIL 14, 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Motion by Ellinger for approval of the April 14, 2026 Committee Meeting Summary. Seconded by Hale. Motion passed without dissent.

II. FAMILY SERVICES UPDATE

Director Shelia Horton-Holt presented an overview of the Division of Family Services and the Family Care Center's ongoing efforts to support young families through education, childcare, case management, and early intervention services. The presentation emphasized the program's mission to promote long-term family stability and resilience through a comprehensive, strengths-based service model.

Staff highlighted the division's four core program areas: Early Childcare Education, Family Service Coordination, HANDS home visitation services, and the Parent Education Program. Together, these programs provide early childhood education, intensive family support, parenting assistance, and educational services to approximately 210 clients weekly.

The presentation also outlined several FY25 accomplishments, including playground renovations, expanded referral and delivery services for families, strong volunteer participation, and more than 2,200 home visits through the HANDS program. Parent Education Program outcomes demonstrated high rates of educational achievement, parenting success, and student retention among participating young parents.

Additional updates included accessibility and safety improvements at the Family Care Center, reinforcing the division's continued focus on creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for children and families. **No action was taken on this item.**

III. PERIODIC CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Director Oliver Lee Steele presented the Division of Code Enforcement's 2026 annual update, highlighting continued operational improvements, staff development initiatives, and community assistance programs. The division maintained its accreditation with the International Accreditation Service while expanding certification and training opportunities for inspectors and field staff through state and national professional programs.

The presentation emphasized several homeowner assistance and neighborhood improvement initiatives, including the Housing Repair Assistance Program and the Sidewalk Cost Share Program, which provided financial support to hundreds of households and supported sidewalk abatement efforts throughout the community. Staff also highlighted ongoing outreach efforts with neighborhood associations, tenant rights workshops, homeowner education programs, and community events.

Operational updates included continued coordination with the Lexington Fire Marshal's Office, Salesforce system enhancements, and internal process reviews. Performance metrics showed more than 6,800 cases opened and closed, improved response timelines for complaints and re-inspections, and substantial citation and lien activity.

Looking ahead, the division identified goals to expand advanced inspector certifications, improve employee retention, and strengthen data-driven enforcement practices through enhanced tracking dashboards and proactive hotspot analysis. **No action was taken on this item.**

IV. EVICTION DIVERSION AND RIGHT TO COUNSEL

Charlie Lanter, Commissioner of Housing Advocacy and Community Development, presented an overview of the Housing Stability Services Program, which provides eviction prevention, mediation, and housing stabilization services to Fayette County households experiencing housing insecurity. The program operates through partnerships with Legal Aid of the Bluegrass, the Lexington Housing Authority, Fayette District Court, and community mediation partners.

The presentation highlighted the program's focus on early intervention strategies, including legal assistance, mediation, and targeted financial assistance typically under \$2,000 per household to prevent eviction, utility shutoffs, and homelessness. Staff noted that these smaller interventions are often more cost-effective than emergency shelter placements and help stabilize households before crises escalate.

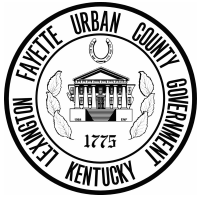
Program history and funding updates were also discussed, including the transition from federal Emergency Rental Assistance funding to local general fund support. Presenters noted that additional funding allocations have allowed the program to continue through August 2026, with further funding proposed in the FY27 budget.

The presentation concluded with a discussion of future priorities, including stabilizing long-term funding sources, improving data collection and outcome tracking, coordinating with broader homelessness prevention initiatives, and strengthening integration with existing rental assistance and support services across the community. **No action was taken on this item.**

V. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

No action was taken on this item.

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 pm.



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Global Lex Update

GLOBAL LEX UPDATE

Basel Touchan, Executive Director
Social Services & Public Safety (SSPS) Committee
June 9, 2026



LEXINGTON
Global Lex

Our Global Community

Fayette County Public School (FCPS) Data

About 1 in 5 FCPS students are active English learners

The top 10 languages are:

1. English	2. Spanish	3. Swahili	4. Arabic	5. Nepali
6. French	7. Kinyarwanda	8. Japanese	9. Mandarin Chinese	10. Haitian Creole

FCPS – UK – LFUCG Data

231 distinct languages tracked cummalatively in Fayette County.

115 distinct active languages in 2025.



Kentucky Economic Impact

Nearly 540 international facilities employing more than 116,000 people across the state

According to the Kentucky Center for Economic Policy, immigrants in KY are:

4.5% Population	5% Workforce	7% All Businesses	13% Main St. Businesses	12% Construction Workers	16% Physicians	24% Software Developers
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In 2023, immigrants in KY contributed*: \$5.2 billion in spending power \$1.7 billion in state and local taxes

Global Lex

Global Lex works to strengthen Lexington by connecting residents, organizations, and local government through language access, education, partnerships, and cultural engagement.

We work to ensure that all who call Lexington home can participate fully in civic life and help shape the city's future.

What We Do

Community Support & Resources

Education & Integration Programs

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Arts & Cultural Events

Government Support & Language Access



Community Support & Resources

■ How?

- Open to the public M-F 8 AM – 5 PM
- No appointment necessary
- Multimodal support
in-person, phone, virtual, email, WhatsApp
- Free language access provided
 - 9 languages supported by team
 - Technology: VASCO; Language Line

■ What?

- Referrals
- Technical Assistance
- Case Advocacy



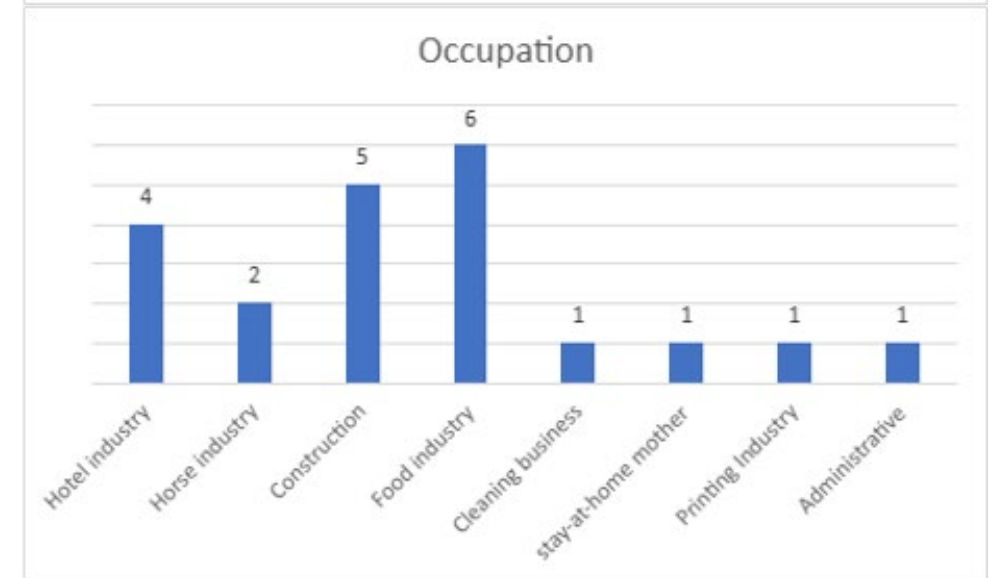
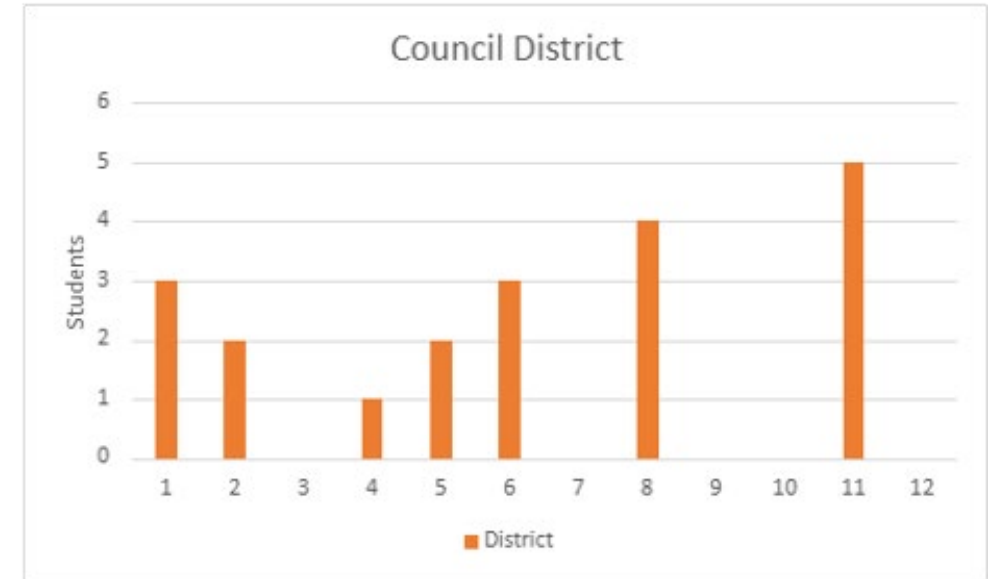
Education & Integration Programs

Global Lex – Synchronous Learning Series



Hybrid Language Classes (targeted: Spanish speakers)

Winter-Spring 2026



Education & Integration Programs

Global Lex – Synchronous Learning



Community Health, Education, & Safety Event

January – May 2026 Offerings

Weekly English classes for beginners

- Hybrid
- Targeted: Spanish speakers

2x a week English Class series for beginners

- In community
- Faith institution partners

Weekly Citizenship & Civics class series

- Targeted: African community

Tax Fraud Awareness Workshop

Community Health, Education, & Safety Event

- Partners: UK HAMP LAB; Fire; EMS; DSVC; CBOs

LFUCG Supported Programming

Tenants & Landlord Rights (Community & Resident Services)

- Woodhill Community Center (Spanish)
- Black & Williams Center (Swahili & French)

Council District 2 Public Safety Event

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships



African Community Leadership
& Partner Meeting

Community Based Organizations

Casa De La Cultura

FLACA

Marafiki Center

Bluegrass Irish Society

Get HAAPI

Japan America Society of Kentucky

Korean American Society of Kentucky

Bluegrass Indo-American Civic Society

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Partners & Collaborators

Mayor's International Affairs Advisory Commission

Sister Cities Commission

County Clerk Office

Commerce Lexington

LexArts

Lexington Public Library

Global Engagement

Chinese Embassy (DC) Partner Luncheon

Mexican Consulate (Indianapolis) Community Reception

Kazakhstan Delegation Visit through State Department's IVLP Program

Taipei Economic & Cultural Office (Atlanta) University of Kentucky Event

Fayette County Public Schools

FCPS x CivicLex Civic Day

Cardinal Valley Elementary – Day of the Child

Millcreek Elementary – ESL students graduations

Bryan Station Middle School – Career Fair

Frederick Douglas High School – Multicultural fair

University of Kentucky

UK Martin School of Public Policy and Administration

International Student Center

College of Nursing

Bluegrass Community & Technical College

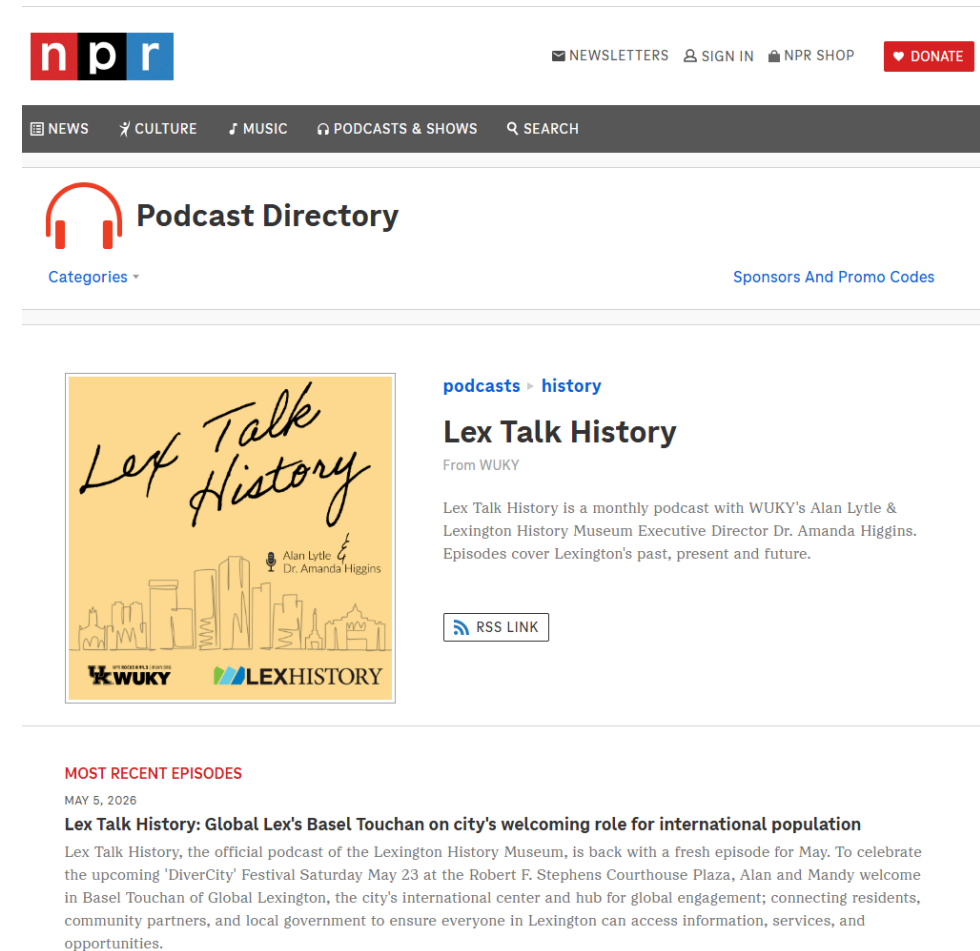
Global Learning Center

Hubert H Humphrey Fellows

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

Outreach Channels	Reach (Jan-May 2026)
Convenings Hosted	12 convenings hosted
Community Tabling	2004 residents interacted with
Newsletter	49.5% Open Growth Rate YoY 52.94% Click Growth Rate MoM
Social Media	36,901 views (last 90 days)
Public Information Dissemination (WhatsApp/Email)	12,581 unique multilingual messages delivered
Grant Letters of Support	4
Advisory Group Participation	12

Engagement & Outreach Footprint



The screenshot shows the NPR Podcast Directory page for 'Lex Talk History'. At the top, there are navigation links for NEWS, CULTURE, MUSIC, PODCASTS & SHOWS, and a SEARCH bar. Below the navigation is the 'Podcast Directory' header with a red headphones icon. A 'Categories' dropdown menu is visible. The main content area features a yellow podcast cover for 'Lex Talk History' with the hosts' names, Alan Lytle & Dr. Amanda Higgins, and logos for WUKY and LEXHISTORY. To the right of the cover, the text reads 'podcasts > history', 'Lex Talk History', 'From WUKY', and a description: 'Lex Talk History is a monthly podcast with WUKY's Alan Lytle & Lexington History Museum Executive Director Dr. Amanda Higgins. Episodes cover Lexington's past, present and future.' Below the description is an 'RSS LINK' button. At the bottom, there is a section for 'MOST RECENT EPISODES' dated 'MAY 5, 2026', with the title 'Lex Talk History: Global Lex's Basel Touchan on city's welcoming role for international population'. The description for this episode mentions the 'DiverCity' Festival on May 23 at the Robert F. Stephens Courthouse Plaza.

Lexington History Muesem
Lex Talk History Podcast

Arts & Cultural Events



Korean American Society of Kentucky (KASK) Korean Culture Exhibit



St. Patrick's Festival

ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE
2026 EVENTS

FREE **FRIDAY APRIL 24TH, 5 PM - 7 PM**
@ CENTRAL PUBLIC LIBRARY
LISA LOW POETRY READING!
ARTWORK DISPLAYED DURING ALL OF AAPI HERITAGE MONTH IN MAY!

art gallery

WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH, 7:30 PM
@ THE KENTUCKY THEATRE
MOVIE SHOWING: *ENTER THE DRAGON*
TICKETS AVAILABLE ON KENTUCKYTHEATRE.ORG

movie night

FREE **FRIDAY MAY 15TH**
5:30 PM - 7 PM
@ CARNEGIE CENTER
* HEAR FROM LOCAL AAPI AUTHORS AND ENJOY TRADITIONAL MUSICAL STYLINGS A SHORT FASHION SHOW! *

poetry & tea tasting

SATURDAY MAY 30TH, 6 PM
(RAINDATE: MAY 31ST)
@ MOONDANCE AMPHITHEATRE
* LIVELY CELEBRATION OF LOCAL AAPI PERFORMERS, DANCERS, MUSICIANS AND MORE! *

moondance celebration **FREE**

JOIN US!

GET HAAPI

FOLLOW US @GETHAAPIKY

LEXINGTON Global Lee LEXINGTON

AAPI Heritage Month Celebrations

Government Support & Language Access

- Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or **national origin** in programs and activities receiving Federal financial assistance.
- Essential to maintaining millions of dollars in federal funding



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Title VI PROGRAM PLAN

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

Linda Gorton, Mayor

Sally Hamilton, Chief Administrative Officer

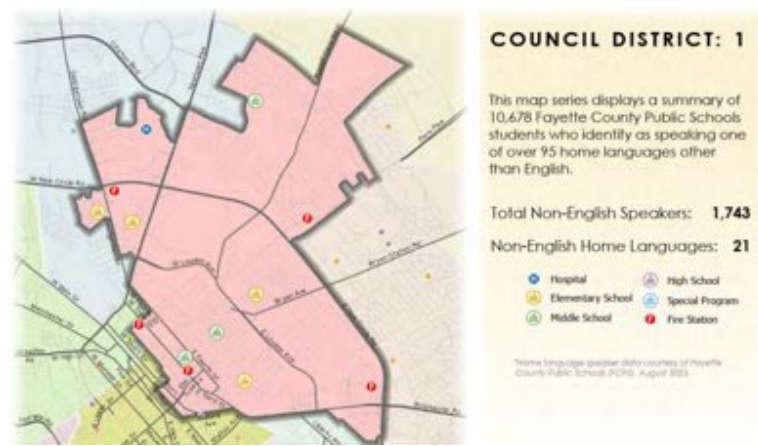
Kacy Allen Bryant, Title VI Coordinator

Government Support & Language Access

Service Type
Data Collection & Sharing
Language Access
Training
Technical Assistance
Program Design
Outreach Strategy

2026 Internal Partners
Department of Social Services
Mayor's Office
Council
Lexington Police Department
Fire
Emergency Management
Community & Resident Services
Parks & Rec
Partners for Youth
Youth Services
Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition

LEXINGTON Non-English Home Language Summary



On the Horizon (Summer 2026)

Community Support & Resources

Driver Ed Videos 2 New Languages

Education & integration Programs

Targeted English Class (African seniors)

Targeted English Class (Spanish speakers)

Arts & Cultural Events

Swahili Day – June 13

Kentucky Refugee & immigrant Inclusion Summit – June 18

Lexington Sporting Club International fest – June 20

4th of July Parade

Bastille Day – July 14

Reggae Week – July 22-26

DiverCity – August 29

Community Engagement & Strategic Partnerships

THE WELCOMING STANDARD



SAFE COMMUNITIES



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



EQUITABLE ACCESS



EDUCATION



GOVERNMENT &
COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP



CONNECTED COMMUNITIES



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

WELCOMING
AMERICA 

Government Support & Language Access

FY 27 Title VI Plan

Title VI Training

Modernizing, streamlining, and increasing efficiencies across language access systems

Questions?

Website



Instagram

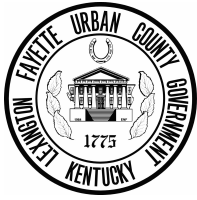


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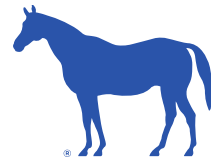
STREEET Task Force: Bike Lane Ordinance

STREET TASK FORCE: BIKE LANE ORDINANCE

Alyssa McKenzie, 10th District Legislative Aide

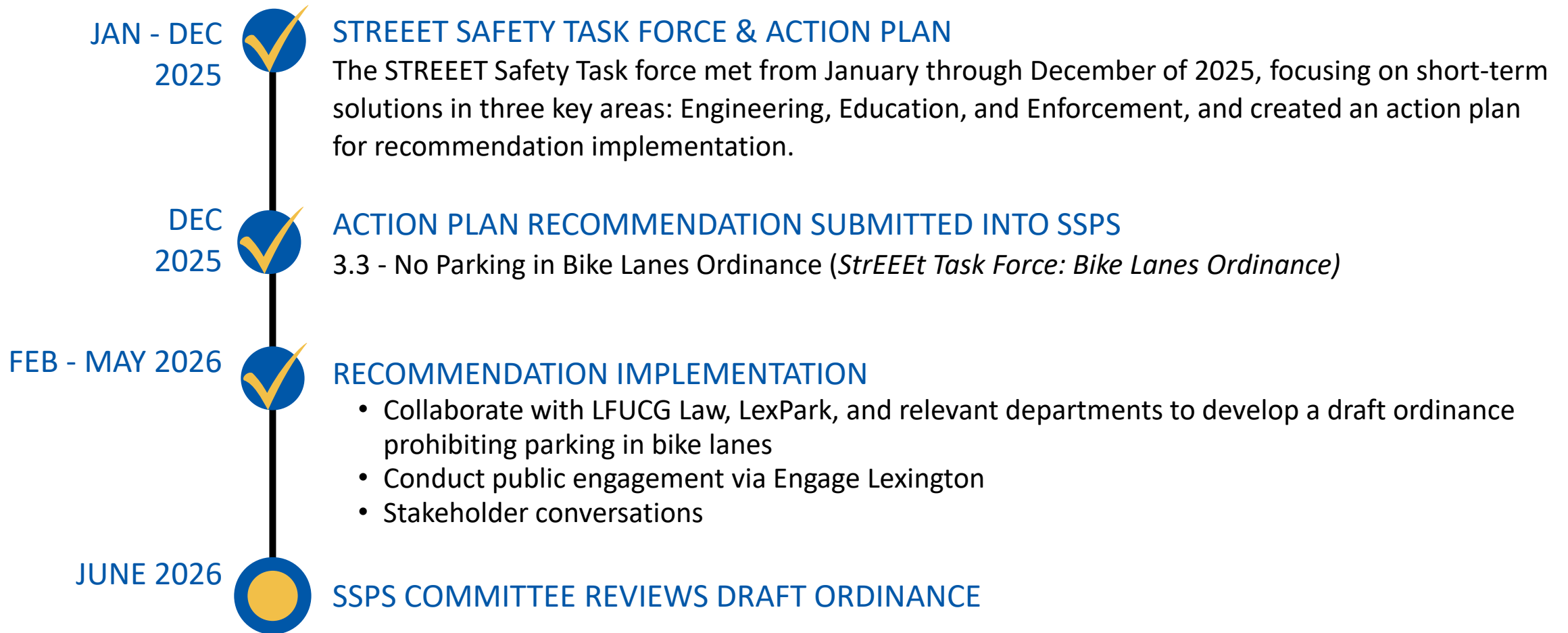
Social Services & Public Safety

June 9, 2026



LEXINGTON

CONTEXT & TIMELINE



BY THE NUMBERS

BICYCLE COLLISIONS IN FAYETTE COUNTY

2020 - 2025

205

TOTAL COLLISIONS WITH INJURY

13

SERIOUS INJURIES

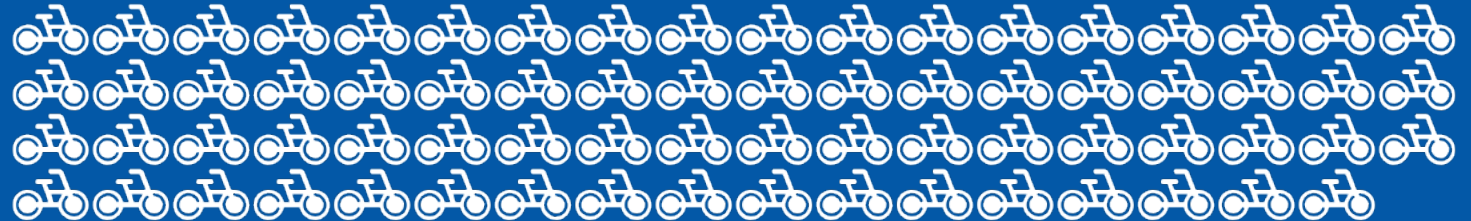
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COLLISION WITH FATALITY

2025

71

TOTAL COLLISIONS WITH INJURY



3

SERIOUS INJURIES

1

COLLISION WITH FATALITY

KSP Collision Data, The League of American Bicyclists

WHAT WE HEARD

I was in an accident caused by a driver pulling over and suddenly stopping in the bike lane in front of me.

BICYCLE LANES

GENERAL DEFINITION:

A portion of the roadway that has been designated by striping, signage, or pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.



COMPARABLE CITIES



[Pittsburgh, PA](#)

Enforcement: Dept. of Mobility & Infrastructure, Parking Authority, Parking Enforcement Officers

Ordinance Language: Motor vehicles may not block the bicycle lane and must yield to bicyclists before entering or crossing it.



[Cincinnati, OH](#)

Enforcement: Parking Enforcement Officers, Parking Violations Bureau, Police Non-Emergency

Ordinance Language: No person may stand or park a vehicle on an on-street path or lane designated for exclusive bicycle use.



[Houston, TX](#)

Enforcement: Parking Authority

Ordinance Language: No Parking in Dedicated Bicycle Lane Ordinance prohibits on-street parking of motor vehicles in dedicated bicycle lanes.



[Louisville, KY](#)

Enforcement: Parking Authority & Code Enforcement

Ordinance Language: Prohibits stopping or parking “within a designated bikeway.”

CURRENT ORDINANCE

SEC. 18-119. STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED

No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:

(1) - (14)

- Driveways, Sidewalks, Intersections
- Crosswalks & Crosswalks at Intersections
- Fire Hydrants & Fire Station Entrances
- Flashing Beacon, Stop Sign, Traffic Control Signal
- Park Areas, Bridges, Street Excavation
- Roadway Side of Stopped Vehicles
- No Parking Signs & Yellow Curbs



PROPOSED AMENDMENT

SEC. 18-119. - STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING PROHIBITED

(15) WITHIN A BICYCLE LANE:

Adds Definitions:

- (1) Bicycle lane
- (2) Bicycle
- (3) Bicyclist

Includes Exemptions:

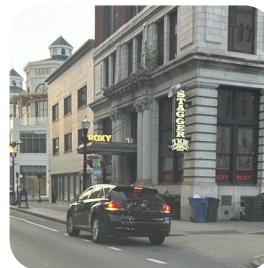
- Rideshares
- Delivery Trucks
- Buses
- Emergency Vehicles



10-Minute Limit:
Loading/Unloading
Drop-off and/or Pick-up



Yield to bicyclists & pedestrians when entering/exiting the bicycle lane



Activate Flashers - Must remain on while in the bicycle lane

ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement of the ordinance will be a joint effort between multiple agencies:

LEXPARK

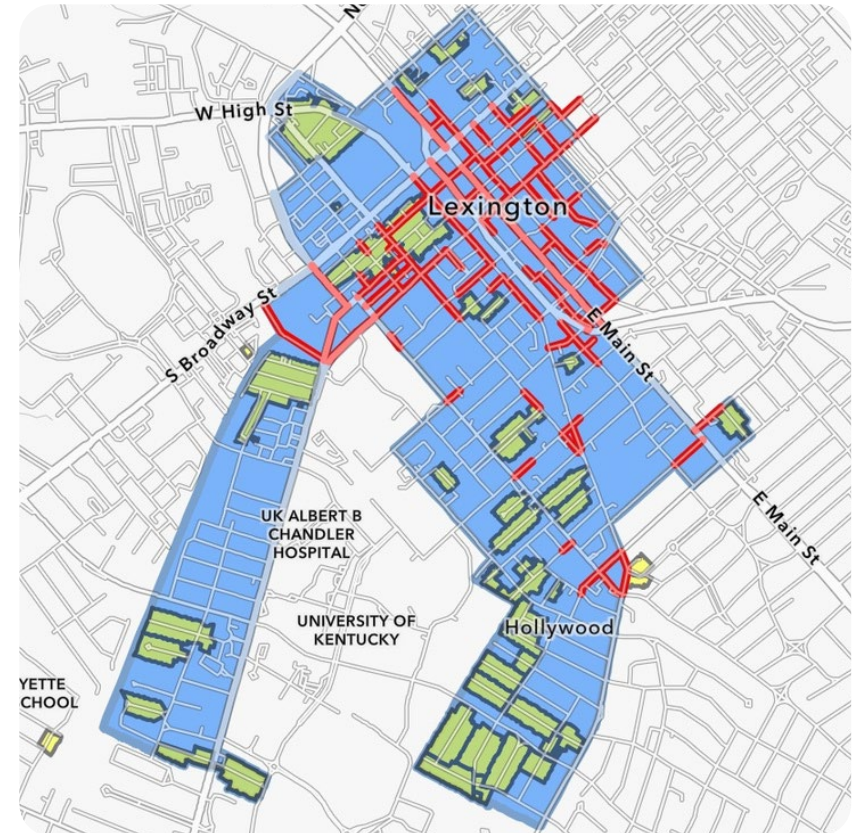
- Meters, Downtown Corridors, and Residential Parking Permits
- Full Staff: Monday - Friday, 9am - 7pm
- Additional Staff: 24/7
- Non-Moving Violation: \$50 - \$100

LEXINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

- Citywide
- Calls to Non-Emergency Number
- Non-Moving Violations: \$50 - \$100

OTHER ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES

- UK Police Department
- UK Transportation



WHAT WE HEARD

STAKEHOLDER CONVERSATIONS



commerce
lexington®

DOWNTOWN
LEXINGTON
MANAGEMENT
DISTRICT

Downtown
Lexington
Partnership

Lextran

UK Police Department

UK Transportation
Services

LEXPARK
lexpark.org

VISITLEX



Ashland
Walk N Roll

Bike Walk Kentucky

BLUEGRASS
CYCLING CLUB

BROKE
SPOKE

BROOM
WAGON

Living Streets Lexington

PEDALPOWER
Since 1973

SCHELLER'S
FITNESS & CYCLING
your FITNESSPROS

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGE LEXINGTON - SAFE BIKE LANES PAGE

TOP 3 SOURCES OF TRAFFIC

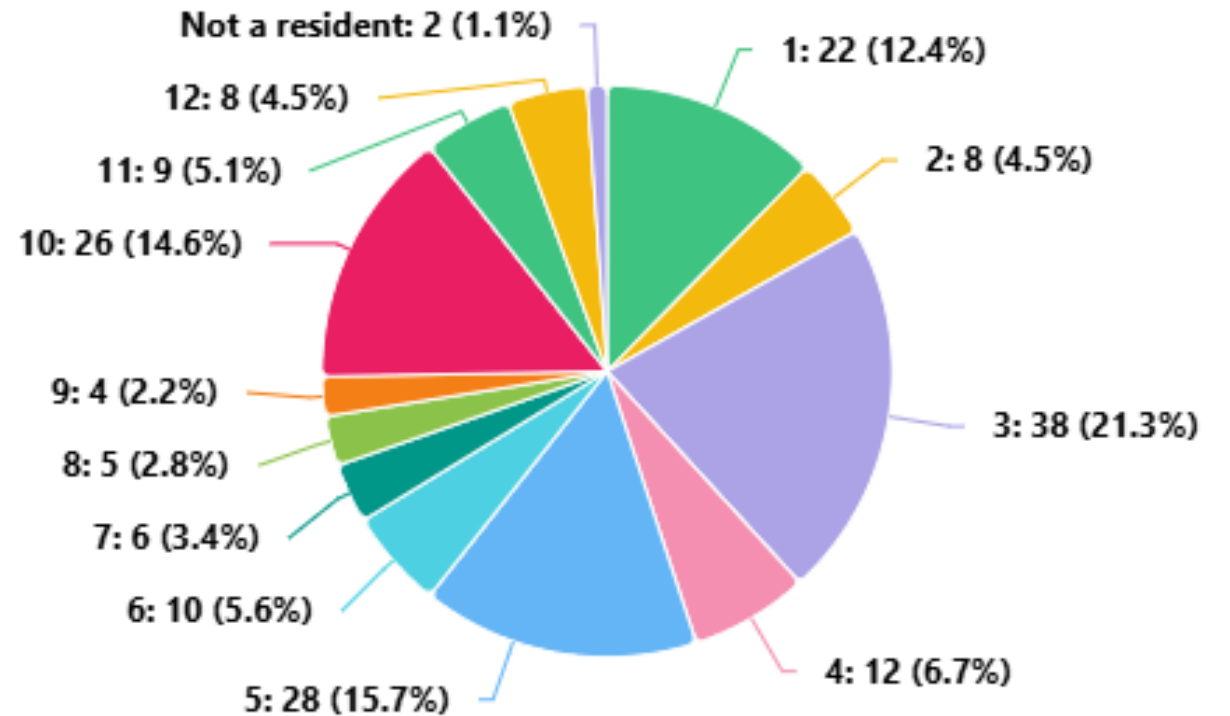
651 Direct
122 Social
91 Email

960

Page Visits

April 13, 2026 - May 31, 2026

Council District Participation



Survey Respondents

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

ENGAGE LEXINGTON - SAFE BIKE LANES SURVEY

178

Survey Respondents

SURVEY

April 13, 2026 - May 15, 2026

11 Questions

Single Response &

Open Ended Questions

86%

Support a Bike Lane Ordinance

TYPES OF ENFORCEMENT

40%

Ticketing

29%

Towing

23%

Warnings

8%

Other

78%

Felt Unsafe in a Bike Lane

TOP 5 LOCATIONS

Fourth Street

Jefferson Street

Chinoe Road

Main Street / E Main Street

Euclid Avenue

WHAT WE HEARD

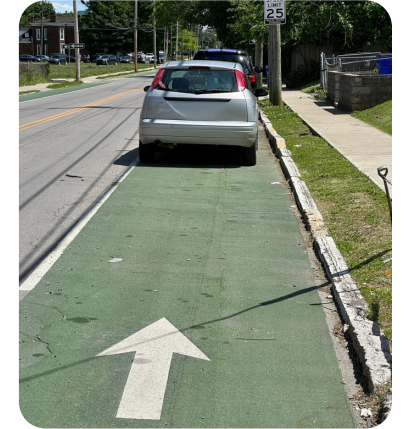
“ —
Biking in Lexington is dangerous, in part because bike lanes are rarely respected. This would be a first step toward making cycling in Lexington safer.

— ”

TAKEAWAYS

CONCERNS

- Ordinance Exceptions
- Bike Lane Infrastructure
- Maintenance of Bike Lanes
- Removing Parking
- Enforcement



OPPORTUNITIES

- Communication with Residents
- Increased Enforcement
- Implementation Protected Bike Infrastructure
- Designated Delivery & Loading Zones
- Signage



NEXT STEPS

TODAY'S MEETING

- Review of Draft Language
- Approval of Language
- Report Out at August 11 Council Work Session

VISIT ENGAGE LEXINGTON

- See Lexington's Bike Trails
- Visit Bike Lane Uprising
- Review the Draft Ordinance
- Read the StrEEEt Safety Task Force Action Plan



Questions?



LEXINGTON

ORDINANCE NO. _____ - 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 18-119 OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT STOPPING, STANDING, OR PARKING IN DESIGNATED BIKE LANES, AND PROVIDING EXCEPTIONS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 – That Section 18-119 of the Code of Ordinances, Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 18-119. - Stopping, standing or parking prohibited.

- (a) No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle except when necessary to avoid conflict with other traffic or in compliance with law or the directions of a police officer or traffic-control device, in any of the following places:
- (1) In front of a public or private driveway.
 - (2) Within fifteen (15) feet of a fire hydrant.
 - (3) On a sidewalk.
 - (4) Within an intersection.
 - (5) On a crosswalk.
 - (6) Within twenty (20) feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.
 - (7) Within thirty (30) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop sign or traffic control signal located at the side of the roadway.
 - (8) In any park area in any street, or in any parkway dividing two (2) streets.
 - (9) Within twenty (20) feet of the driveway entrance to any fire station and on the side of a street opposite the entrance to any fire station within seventy-five (75) feet of such entrance (when properly signposted).
 - (10) Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.
 - (11) On the roadway side of any vehicle stopped or parked at the edge or curb of a street.
 - (12) Upon any bridge or other elevated structure.

- (13) At any place where official signs or marking prohibit stopping, standing and parking or parking.
- (14) At any place where the curb is painted yellow.
- (15) Within a bicycle lane.

(a) For the purposes of this section 18-119(a)(15), the following terms shall have the following definitions:

- (1) “bicycle lane” shall mean a portion of the roadway that has been designated by striping, signage, or pavement markings for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists.
- (2) “bicyclist” shall mean a person riding a bicycle.
- (3) “bicycle” shall have the same definition as provided in section 18-1.

(b) The following shall be exempted from the requirements of section 18-119(a)(15):

- (1) (a) A driver of any vehicle transporting one or more additional persons, including, but not limited to, taxicabs or transportation network companies;
- (b) A driver of a vehicle otherwise in compliance with section 18129(1)(a); or
- (c) A driver of a vehicle otherwise lawfully utilizing designated loading zones as provided in chapter 18, article IX, division 3 of the Code,

subject to the further limitations provided herein which shall control in case of conflict. Such stopping, standing, or parking shall be limited to the time necessary to complete drop-off and/or pick-up, or loading or unloading, not to exceed ten (10) minutes within the bicycle lane. The driver must yield to bicyclists and pedestrians before entering and exiting the bicycle lane. The driver shall activate the vehicle’s flashers, which shall remain on at all times while in the bicycle lane;

- (2) The operator of a bus while at a bus stop or bus stand otherwise in compliance with section 18-141;
- (3) A driver of a vehicle otherwise in compliance with sections 18-116, 18-124.1, or 18-125;
- (4) A driver of a vehicle otherwise in compliance with KRS 189.930; and
- (5) A driver of an authorized emergency vehicle otherwise in compliance with Section 18-10.

(b) No person shall move a vehicle not owned by such person into any such prohibited area or away from a curb such distance as is unlawful.

Section 2 – That this Ordinance shall be effective following passage of Council.

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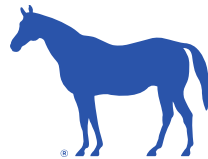
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ANIMAL CARE & CONTROL ORDINANCE UPDATES

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Jai Hamilton, Lead Cruelty Investigator, Lexington-Fayette Animal Care & Control
Social Services and Public Safety Committee
June 9th, 2026*



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Background

Origins of Needs for Ordinance Review

- In the Summer of 2025, residents and advocates raised concerns regarding animals being left outdoors during periods of extreme heat and unsafe weather conditions.
- Questions emerged regarding whether the existing ordinance provided sufficient clarity around intervention, enforcement authority, and minimum standards of care in those situations.
- Those concerns prompted broader discussions among elected officials, Animal Care & Control, and the Fayette County Attorney's Office regarding whether portions of the ordinance should be reviewed and updated.
- As conversations progressed, additional areas were identified where ordinance language could benefit from modernization or clarification based on operational experience and current best practices.



Background (cont.)

Collaborative Review

The ordinance review process included collaboration among:

- Fourth and Fifth District Council offices
- Animal Care & Control staff
- The Fayette County Attorney's Office
- LFUCG Department of Law staff
- Community members and advocates

Focus of the Review

The review process evaluated whether the ordinance:

- Reflected current operational realities
- Provided clear enforcement standards
- Adequately addressed unsafe weather situations
- Supported humane treatment and public safety goals
- Offered sufficient procedural clarity for enforcement and impoundment matters

As a result of the review process, several necessary revisions were identified.

Ordinance Revisions

Goals of the Ordinance Revisions

The proposed revisions were developed to:

- Modernize portions of the ordinance
- Clarify standards and enforcement authority
- Address gaps identified through constituent concerns and operational experience
- Improve consistency for Animal Care & Control operations
- Better align ordinance language with state law and public safety expectations

Areas Identified for Revisions

- Unsafe weather protections
- Tethering and restraint standards
- Cost of care provisions
- Impoundment and custody of victimized animals
- Enforcement and administrative clarity



Changes to Sec. 4-2. - Care and Treatment of Animals

Updated Tethering Language

- Revises the wording from “dog” to “animal” to ensure the ordinance applies to other types of pets that may be tethered or tied outdoors.
- The current ordinance prohibits the use of prong and pinch collars. These collars are commonly used for training and control, but the existing language is outdated and has not been enforced.
- The updated language permits the use of prong and pinch collars as collars, while maintaining the prohibition on tethering or tying out a dog with a metal collar.



Changes to Sec. 4-2. - Care and Treatment of Animals (cont.)

Adds: “(6) *Unsafe Weather Conditions* means any extreme hot or cold temperature, and/or any weather event that creates extreme conditions that compromise animal safety. During unsafe conditions, Fayette County will typically be under a warning, advisory or other special weather statement including but not limited to during activation of Fayette County, Kentucky Emergency Operations Plan or LFUCG Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention Plan.”

Then makes it illegal: (b)(6) For any person to confine and leave unattended, any domestic animal (excludes cattle, fowl and equine) in unsafe weather conditions.



Changes to Sec. 4-2. - Care and Treatment of Animals (cont.)

- **“Confine”** covers domestic animals left outdoors tethered, kenneled, loose in a fenced yard, or left in a tent.
- **“Unattended”** means an animal left in those conditions without a person present.
- The range for the LFUCG Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention plan is a heat index over 95°F and temperatures under 32°F.



Revisions to Sec. 4-9. & Why...



- Allows Animal Control Officers to seize and impound any animal or fowl which is the subject of a violation of the provisions of Section 4-2 (local cruelty to animals).

However, it does not tell us what to do with the animal...



Revisions to Sec. 4-9. & Why...

Without a procedural law in place, if the owner/defendant wants their animal back they can:

1) Reclaim their animal

OR

2) Animal Control can retain the animals until after the court case. After the court case we have no legal authority to hold them

Choco's Story

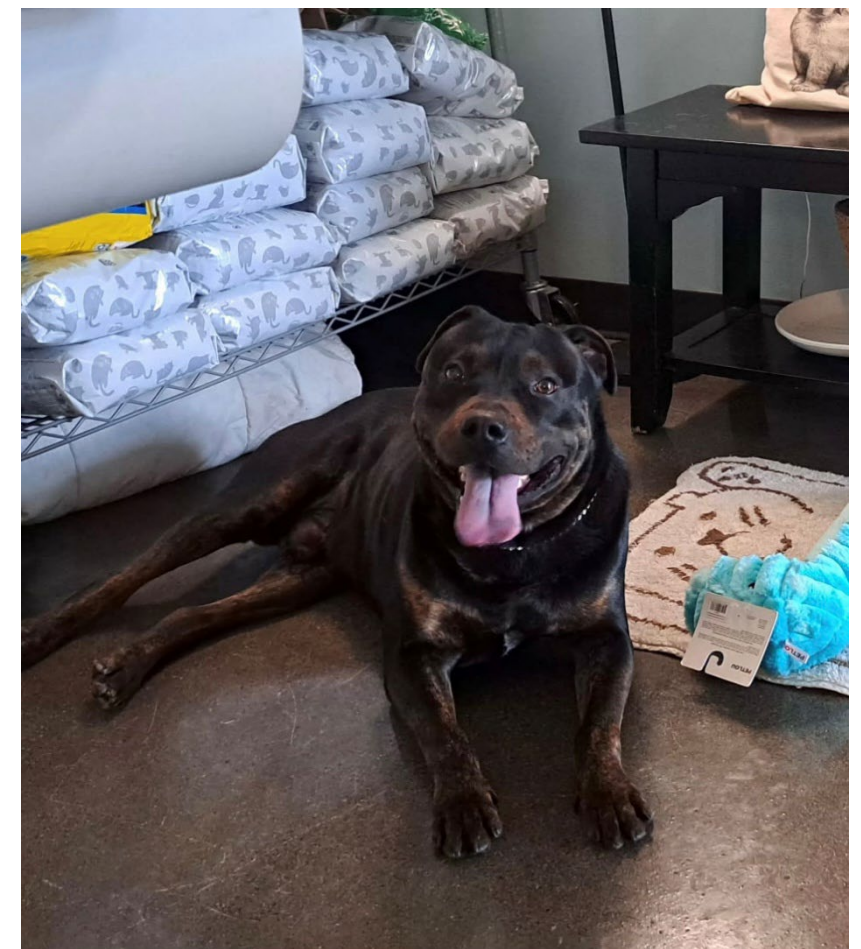




“Morty” - 264 days in protective custody



“Richard” – 248 days in protective custody



“Choco” – 565 days in protective custody

Expanding Sec. 4-9.

- Cost of Care laws are already in use in over 40 states to prevent shelters from exorbitant care costs.
- Owner/defendant can either post a recurring bond to Animal Control for the animals' care while the case is pending or forfeit ownership of them.

How the Process Works

- **Initial Hearing:** Shortly after animals are legally seized, the court holds a hearing to determine if there was probable cause for the seizure.
- **The Bond Option:** If probable cause is found, the judge sets a bond (typically in 30-day increments) calculated to cover the animals' food, shelter, and veterinary costs.
- **The Forfeit Option:** If the defendant cannot or refuses to pay this bond, they must forfeit ownership of the animals. This allows shelters to put the animals up for adoption or transfer them to rescues rather than holding them in legal limbo.

Questions?



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ITEMS REFERRED	SPONSOR(S)	REFERRED	LAST HEARD
1) Public Safety Technology	W. Baxter	September 21, 2021	May 2, 2023
2) Eviction Diversion & Right to Counsel	D. Wu	January 24, 2023	May 5, 2026
3) Comprehensive Review of Code Enforcement	S. Lynch	June 29, 2023	August 26, 2025
4) Coordinated Victim Response Plan	L. Sheehan	May 2, 2023	
5) A Caring Place (Villages Model Initiatives for Lexington)	S. Lynch	August 20, 2024	October 14, 2025
6) Youth Council	A. Beasley	August 20, 2024	
7) Homeless Encampment Response and Street Outreach Services for OHPI	J. Reynolds	September 17, 2024	January 13, 2026
8) Mobile Market Update	J. Reynolds	March 4, 2025	April 14, 2026
9) Strategic Growth Plan for Lexington Fire Department	J. Hale/T. Morton	March 18, 2025	August 26, 2025
10) Emergency Winter Shelter Program	T. Morton	June 3, 2025	
11) Audrey Grevious Center Update	J. Reynolds	June 26, 2025	January 13, 2026
12) Animal Care and Control Ordinance Update	E. Curtis	October 23, 2025	
13) STREEET Task Force: Bike Lane Ordinance	D. Seigny	December 4, 2025	
14) Cardiac Crusade	T. Morton	February 12, 2026	
15) Division of Youth Services Update	J. Reynolds	March 10, 2026	
16) STREEET Task Force: Drag Racing Ordinance	W. Baxter	March 24, 2026	
17) Development of comprehensive expansion strategy for community paramedicine and crisis response services	T. Morton	May 26, 2026	
18) Study of potential E-911 Shift Differential	A. Beasley	May 26, 2026	
ANNUAL/PERIODIC ITEMS	SPONSOR(S)	REFERRED	LAST HEARD
19) Review of Recovery Residences (Sober Living Homes) Ordinance	T. Morton	February 11, 2025	October 14, 2025
20) Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition	T. Morton	March 4, 2025	April 14, 2026
21) Substance Use Disorder Intervention (SUDI) Program Update	J. Reynolds	January 12, 2022	June 3, 2025
22) Office of Homelessness Prevention and Intervention (OHPI) Update	J. Reynolds	June 7, 2022	October 14, 2025
23) National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Update	E. Curtis	February 20, 2018	February 17, 2026
24) Office of Affordable Housing Initiatives and Projects Update	J. Reynolds	August 10, 2021	April 14, 2026
25) Recruitment, Retirement, and Retention for Public Safety Update	J. Reynolds/ W. Baxter	September 22, 2020	July 3, 2025
26) Community Paramedicine Program Update	J. Reynolds	July 6, 2021	January 28, 2025
27) Periodic Code Enforcement Update	J. Reynolds	October 8, 2019	May 5, 2026
28) Lexington Global Engagement Center (Global Lex) Update	J. Reynolds		January 16, 2024
29) ONE Lexington Programs Update	J. Reynolds	September 25, 2020	March 17, 2026
30) Family Services Program Update	J. Reynolds	January 16, 2025	May 5, 2026
31) Partners for Youth Program Update	J. Reynolds	January 16, 2025	March 17, 2026
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