

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2026

AN ORDINANCE PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.05 OF THE CHARTER OF THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE THAT, EFFECTIVE WITH THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON JANUARY 6, 2031, ALL DULY ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL SHALL RECEIVE AN ANNUAL SALARY WHICH SHALL NOT EXCEED \$59,987 PER ANNUM, ADJUSTED TO EQUATE WITH THE PURCHASING POWER OF THE DOLLAR USING 2027 AS THE BASE YEAR; MAKING THE AMENDMENT EFFECTIVE FOR THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINNING ON JANUARY 4, 2027, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE SET FORTH HEREIN; AND PLACING THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 3, 2026.

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

Section 1 – It is proposed that Section 4.05 of the Charter of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be amended to read as follows effective for the term of office beginning on January 4, 2027, except as otherwise set forth herein:

No person shall be eligible to serve as a member of the Urban County Council unless he or she shall be a qualified voter and a resident of the County of Fayette or the Merged Government for a period of at least one (1) year prior to filing as a candidate for a seat on said Council. No persons shall be eligible to serve as a district council member unless he or she shall have also resided within the district for at least six (6) months immediately prior to filing as a candidate for a seat on the Council. A district council member must continue to reside within the district from which he or she was elected throughout the term of office.

All duly elected members of the Council shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the Council, which shall not exceed \$6,000 per annum, or the maximum set by the General Assembly of Kentucky for Urban County Governments. Effective with the term of office that begins on January 6, 2031, all duly elected members of the Council shall receive an annual salary which shall not exceed \$59,987 per annum, adjusted to equate with the purchasing power of the dollar using 2027 as the base year. In no case shall any change in the annual salary of council members voted by the Council become effective during the current term of any council member.

Section 2 – That the Clerk of the Urban County Council be and hereby is directed to forward a certified copy of this Ordinance to the Fayette County Clerk for placement on the ballot at the next general election on November 3, 2026.

Section 3 – That this Ordinance shall become effective upon the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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