



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Jim Gray  
Mayor

To: Mayor Jim Gray  
Urban County Council

From:   
Wesley Holbrook, Policy Analyst

Date: November 22, 2013

Re: Council to approve the establishment of the Downtown Lexington Management District.

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This is to request Council to approve an ordinance establishing a Downtown Lexington Management District.

In 1990 KRS 91.750 was created which is the legislation governing the establishment of management districts in Kentucky. This statute permits the LFUCG, through an ordinance adopted by its Council, to establish a management district only after at least 33% of the owners of real property who represent 51% of the assessed value of property within the proposed boundary have signed a petition indicating that they are in favor of the concept.

Management districts are designated geographical zones within which services can be provided above and beyond the level currently offered by the local government. The goal of the Downtown Lexington Management District ("DLMID") is to enhance and promote the downtown environment. The DLMID will make downtown a more attractive place to work, live, visit, shop, and locate a business. Further, a program of well-managed, supplemental services will enable downtown businesses to assure their employees of a high quality environment in which to work, live and recreate.

The purpose of creating the DLMID is to increase pedestrian traffic, increase residents, increase commercial occupancy rates and increase vibrancy in downtown Lexington. Management districts have a proven track record of success across the country. The proposed management district would focus on services that go above and beyond what the LFUCG is able to provide.

There will be no budgetary impact.

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