ORDINANCE NO. __035- 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 26-4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, RELATING TO THE RURAL LAND MANAGEMENT BOARD, TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD TO SERVE THREE (3) CONSECUTIVE TERMS.

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

Section 1 – That Section 26-4 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette

Urban County Government be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

- (1) The voting members of the rural land board shall serve a term of four (4) years from the date of appointment, provided the terms of those originally appointed shall be staggered in the following manner: three (3) members shall be appointed for one (1) year; three (3) members shall be appointed for two (2) years; two (2) members shall be appointed for three (3) years; and three (3) members shall be appointed for four (4) years.
- (2) Vacancies in the voting membership shall be filled for an unexpired term in the manner prescribed for the original appointment. The membership of the ex officio non-voting members shall be terminated upon leaving the specified offices.
- (3) No voting member who was originally appointed to the rural land board for less than a four (4) year term and who has served three (3) consecutive full terms after his initial term may succeed himself until the lapse of twelve (12) months from the end of said consecutive term. No appointed voting member who has served three (3) consecutive full terms may succeed himself until the lapse of twelve (12) months from the end of said consecutive terms.
- (4) A voting member of the rural land board shall be removed only by a majority vote of the council, and only for cause, except that a member of the board shall automatically be removed by operation of law in the event of three (3) unexcused absences, whether consecutive or non-consecutive, in any two (2) year period or in the event of absence from twenty-five (25) percent of the meetings in any two (2) year period. An unexcused absence is any absence in which the chair of the board or the rural land staff is not notified of the intended absence at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of a regularly scheduled meeting. In the event of three (3) unexcused absences or the absence from twenty-five (25) percent of the

meetings over any two (2) year period, within the meaning of this section, the rural land staff shall notify the mayor and council administrator that a vacancy exists on the rural land board.

Section 2 – That this Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: May 29,2025

MAYOR

Linda Gorton

ATTEST:

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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