



**TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor
Urban County Council**

**FROM: Commissioner Keith Horn
Department of Planning and Preservation**

CC: CAO Sally Hamilton

DATE: 06/08/2026

**SUBJECT: Amendment to Small Farm Conservation Easement Program – Chapter 27
Code of Ordinances (Minimum Criteria and Application Requirements)**

Request: The RLMB is requesting the approval of an ordinance amending Sections 27-5 and 27-6 of the Code of Ordinances to revise the minimum eligibility criteria for the Small Farm Conservation Easement Program and to update and expand application submission requirements for participation in the program.

Purpose of Request: The purpose of this request is to strengthen and clarify the Small Farm Conservation Easement Program by updating eligibility standards and application requirements to improve program administration and land conservation outcomes. The amendments clarify eligible land use categories and ensure participating properties meet financial, environmental and agricultural Planning requirements. These changes are intended to support more effective implementation of the Purchase of Development Rights Program and ensure long-term protection of agricultural and rural lands within Fayette County.

Cost in this Budget year and future budget years: No budgetary impact.

Are the funds budgeted? Yes | 2615-160801-1881-90112

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Director/Commissioner: Denney/Horn

