



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & PUBLIC WORKS

Jim Gray  
Mayor

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Commissioner

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Keith Horn, Managing Attorney  
From: Chester Hicks, Administrative Officer  
Date: June 17, 2021  
RE: Proposed closing of Barkley Street

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This memorandum is to request the legal review of the Barkley Street proposed permanent closing. The appropriate LFUCG Division Directors and utility company representatives have responded with comments and those comments are enclosed for your review. The property owner (Lexington MLK, LLC) will accept full responsibility of the maintenance and repair of the right-of-way. Should you have any questions regarding this request please feel free to contact me at 258-3407.

The request and pertinent support materials were circulated among various divisions and utility representatives to determine impacts to current operations. The comments can be summarized as follows:

**LFUCG Divisions:**

Div. of Planning: The Division of Planning has no issues with this closure. (Jim Duncan)

Div. of Engineering: The Division of Engineering personnel has visited the referenced site and we see no reason this land needs to be retained as public right of way. The area is entirely covered with asphalt and concrete and apparently has been used and maintained for parking for a number of years.

No overhead utilities were observed in this area and if underground utilities underlie this strip of land, public utility easements will need to be retained. (Robert A. Bayert,)

Div. of Water Quality: The Division of Water Quality has no issues with closing this section of Corral Street. (Steve Farmer)

Fire Department: After completing a site visit to Corral St, the closing of the abandoned street known as "Barkley Street" will have NO adverse effect to the Division of Fire. (Cpt. Greg Lengal)

Lexington Enhanced 911: No issues for 911, thanks. (Paul Hockensmith)

Police Department: This road closure will not have an adverse impact upon Police. (Gregg Jones)

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering does not object to releasing the subject portion of Right-of-Way as proposed. According to our records, this section of Barkley 'Alley' was dedicated in July of 1949 by Ordinance 2520. (Jeffrey Neal)

**Utilities:**

Kentucky Utilities: Kentucky Utilities Company has no objection to this street closing. (Kevin L. Long)

Kentucky American Water: It does not appear it will affect KAWC. (Tobey Adams)

Windstream: Windstream is fine with this closure - it has no adverse effect on us. (Ashley L. Sanders)

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Chester Hicks, Administrative Officer