

RESOLUTION NO. 654 - 2021

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO SEND A LETTER TO THE KENTUCKY UTILITIES COMPANY REQUESTING THAT THE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY CEASE ALL CLEAR-CUTTING OF TREES UNDER AND AROUND TRANSMISSION LINES IN LEXINGTON-FAYETTE COUNTY UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE COMPANY HAS ADEQUATELY ADDRESSED THE CONCERNS PREVIOUSLY RAISED BY THE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, WITH A REQUIRED WRITTEN RESPONSE DATE OF NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 1, 2021.

WHEREAS, Kentucky Utilities Company has implemented a policy for clear-cutting trees under and around transmission lines in Lexington-Fayette County that has detrimentally impacted multiple Council Districts and neighborhoods throughout Lexington-Fayette County;

WHEREAS, the Urban County Council understands that safety and reliability in providing electric service are important concerns but believes that the current policy in its application is unreasonable in that it simply utilizes the most damaging and least discretionary means possible for addressing the issue of tree growth in and around utility easements; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is continuing its attempts to satisfactorily address these issues with Kentucky Utilities Company; and

WHEREAS, the continued practice of clear cutting trees by the Company in certain areas of Lexington-Fayette County is imminent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT:

Section 1 - That the above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as if fully stated.

Section 2 – That the Mayor, on behalf of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, be and hereby is authorized and directed to send a letter to the Kentucky Utilities Company requesting that the Company immediately cease all clear-cutting of trees under and around transmission lines in Lexington-Fayette County until such time as the Company has adequately addressed the concerns previously raised by the Mayor and the Urban County Government, with a required response in writing to be provided by the Company by no later than December 1, 2021.

Section 3 – That this Resolution shall become effective on the date of its passage.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL: November 18, 2021

Linda Gorton

MAYOR

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CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL