
A Much Needed Updating of Ordinances Related to the Environmental Commission

Environmental Commission
Grace Downey- Chairperson

Agenda and Objective

On behalf of the Environmental Commission, I would like to propose an update to the ordinance as related to our commission and its memberships, officers and rules of procedures, and purposes.

Agenda

- Who we are
- What we do
- Rationale for changes in ordinance
- What we would like to change



Materials

➤ Link to current ordinance-

https://library.municode.com/ky/lexington-fayette_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH2AD_ARTVMEENIMCO

- Chapter 2- Administration
 - Article V- Metropolitan Environmental Improvement Commission
 - Section 2-96
 - Section 2-97
 - Section 2-99





1. Who we are

The Lexington-Fayette County Environmental Commission currently consists of up to forty members of the community who volunteer their time and expertise who want to better the city's natural environment and its practices:

- **There are representatives from each district on the Environmental Commission**
- **We meet 9-11 times a year, typically on the first Monday of the month**
- **We promote environmentally sustainable practices and celebrate individuals and groups who work toward a better natural environment for Lexington and Fayette County**





2. What we do

The Lexington-Fayette County Environmental Commission serves to improve the natural environment in our city and county. Among other things, we:

- **Work with stakeholders to address environmental policies and problems in our community**
- **Use the varied backgrounds of our Commissioners to represent the public interest in a better environment and educate on current ordinances/practices**
- **Promote sustainability and environmental resilience practices**



*Please take a moment to
find the ordinance document.*



The Environmental Commission would like to make changes to their by-laws and the current ordinance related to these by-law changes.





The by-laws of the Environmental Commission have not been revised since 1989

The Environmental Commission created an ad-hoc committee to review our current practices and if needed, revise our bylaws to better match our intentions and goals.

We want to update our bylaws in order to more effectively meet the needs of the public

Most of the bylaw revisions can be made with a $\frac{2}{3}$ vote of the Environmental Commission.

A few of our bylaws come directly from city ordinance however, and need council's assistance in having them revised.



What exactly needs revision?

Sec. 2-96. Established.

A commission for environmental improvement is hereby created which shall be known as ~~the “Metropolitan Environmental Improvement Commission of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government,”~~ “The Environmental Commission of Lexington-Fayette County,” hereinafter called the “environmental commission.”

Sec. 2-97. Membership.

The environmental commission shall consist of ~~not more than forty (40) nor less than twenty (20) members~~ twenty-five (25) members appointed by the mayor subject to the confirmation by the council. One member shall be a member of the urban county council, and shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member. The remaining membership shall be representative of all residents of the urban county and shall include at least ~~two (2) members~~ one (1) but no more than ~~(3) members~~ from each of the twelve (12) urban county council districts.

What exactly needs revision?

Sec. 2-99. Officers and rules of procedure.

The officers of the environmental commission shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary, a treasurer, an information officer, and three (3) directors, elected by the membership at the June meeting to serve a two-year term ~~from July 1 to June 30~~ in accordance with its bylaws. The duties of the officers shall be implied by the respective titles and such as may be specified in the bylaws. The environmental commission shall determine its own rules and order of business and shall provide for keeping a record of its proceedings.

Questions to answer	Action Items and Due Dates
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Thank you for your time. Any questions following this meeting can be directed to Grace Leppert Downey at kgldowney@gmail.com or katherine.downey@scott.kyschools.us

