



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING, PRESERVATION, AND DEVELOPMENT

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TO: Mayor Jim Gray
Urban County Council

FROM: Jonathan Hollinger, Administrative Officer Sr.

DATE: September 28, 2015

SUBJECT: Request to amend the Code of Ordinances clarifying which properties are eligible to be considered by the Vacant Property Review Commission

Request

The Vacant Property Review Commission is requesting to amend two sections of the Code of Ordinances clarifying which properties are eligible to be considered by the Vacant Property Review Commission.

Authorization to amend Chapter 7, Article IV, Section 7-39 to read:

“As used in this article, abandoned urban property means any vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of ground in a ~~predominantly developed urban area~~ the Urban Service Area or any residential neighborhood outside of the Urban Service Area....”

And to amend Chapter 12, Article IV, Section 7-81 to read:

“Blighted or deteriorated property shall mean any vacant structure or vacant or unimproved lot or parcel of land in a ~~predominantly built up residential neighborhood~~ the Urban Service Area or any residential neighborhood outside of the Urban Service Area.”

Why are you requesting?

The current ordinance applies different criteria in two sections of the Code of Ordinances and uses vague language. These changes will provide specific guidance to the Vacant Property Review Commission and allow for better consistency.

Are the funds budgeted?

No fiscal impact.