



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

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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 Race Street

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This memorandum is to request the legal review of a portion of Race 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 (Fleetwood Management, 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 objection to this closure. Consolidations plats should be required as a condition of the closure so that the final disposition of the closed rights-of-way is well documented. (Chris King)

Div. of Engineering: Engineering does not object to the closing. We note the following points:

- We assume the closure will be permanent
- Easements should be maintained on any utilities existing in this corridor.
- Our investigation of the right-of-way only identified overhead utility lines, a Kentucky-American Water line, and a sanitary sewer line located within the area to be closed. Others may be identified by other utilities and/or LFUCG Divisions and should be dealt with accordingly (Brad Frazier)

Div. of Water Quality: There is an existing sanitary sewer line running down Race Street in the subject block. This line needs to be located and surveyed in, drawn on the plat in the correct location and then we will need a 20' wide sanitary sewer easement, 10' on each side of the sanitary line. (Steve Farmer)

Fire Department: The proposed closure of this portion of Race St. will have no adverse effect on the Division of Fire. Please pass on to Fleetwood Land Management that they will have to take over the monthly rental fee of hydrant (H2782). That fee will be paid to Kentucky American Water. If they wish to retire the hydrant (remove) they would be responsible for that cost to Kentucky American Water as well. (Cpt. Greg Lengal)

Lexington Enhanced 911: This request has been reviewed by the E911 Addressing Office. There is no opposition to the request. (Robert Stack)

Police Department: Police has reviewed this street closure and determined that it will not adversely impact their operations. (Ronnie Bastin, Public Safety)

Traffic Engineering: Traffic Engineering has no objection to releasing Race Street from the public street system. It has been terminated just north of East Short Street since at least the mid 1970s.

**Utilities:**

Kentucky Utilities: KU is good with the closure, the only thing that we need to do is get a letter from Traffic Engineering to remove one street light [reference #17]. (Kevin Long)

Kentucky American Water: Kentucky American **DOES** have facilities in the right-of-way of Race St, which is proposed to be closed. Accordingly, we will **require** easement rights be retained and copy of easement provided on Race St before finally consent be given. (Tobey Adams)

Windstream: We have reviewed the plat for the closure of Race Street as described. Windstream has no objection to this closure. (Lezlie Allison)

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Chester Hicks, Administrative Officer