

RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2021

A RESOLUTION AMENDING APPENDIX A – RULES AND PROCEDURES OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL TO ALLOW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO STATE THEIR COUNCIL DISTRICT INSTEAD OF THEIR ADDRESS BEFORE MAKING PUBLIC COMMENT.

WHEREAS, the Urban County Council, by Resolution No. 55-79, as amended, adopted “Rules and Procedures of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council”; and,

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Urban County Council to amend the Rules to allow members of the public to make public comment without identifying their home address; and,

WHEREAS, Section 5.104 of the Rules provides that “[n]o permanent change shall be made to these rules without notice specifying the purpose and wording of the change given prior to the consideration of the change and the adoption of the permanent change by a majority of all Councilmembers through an amending resolution”; and,

WHEREAS, notice of the aforementioned change was given to all Councilmembers at a work session on June 8, 2021.

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

Section 1 – That the above recitals are incorporated herein as if fully stated.

Section 2 – That Section 4.106 of Appendix A - Rules and Procedures of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council be and hereby is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.-106 – Public comment during meeting.

Members of the public wishing to address the urban county council on a particular subject shall rise to be recognized by the presiding officer or shall sign up on a sheet in the back of the room. When recognized, the person shall state, for the record, his or her name and the council district in which he or she resides or the city/county of residence if the person resides outside of Fayette County. Comment shall be limited to three (3) minutes. Members of the public who have signed up to speak may yield their time, when present, to another member. Under no circumstances shall a member of the public be allowed to speak longer than fifteen (15) minutes.

The urban county council may suspend this rule by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the councilmembers in attendance at the meeting and allow members of the public additional time to speak on a particular matter.

Every speaker shall exercise decorum during debate, conduct himself or herself in a courteous manner, and refrain from using unbecoming, derogatory, or abusive language, and shall also refrain from making personal attacks or accusations.

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

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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