

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

*200 E. Main St
Lexington, KY 40507*



Tuesday, February 17, 2026

3:00 PM

Packet

Council Chamber

Urban County Council Work Session

**Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Schedule of Meetings
February 16 - 23, 2026**

Monday, February 16

Holiday – LFUCG Offices Closed

Tuesday, February 17

Social Services and Public Safety Committee.....1:00 p.m.
Government Center – Council Chamber, 2nd Fl.

Council Work Session.....3:00 p.m.
Government Center – Council Chamber, 2nd Fl.

Wednesday, February 18

No Meetings

Thursday, February 19

No Meetings

Friday, February 20

No Meetings

Monday, February 23

No Meetings

**Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council
Work Session Agenda
February 17, 2026**

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- III. Approval of Summary- Yes**
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Administrative Synopsis - New Business Items

- a** **0098-26** Authorization to execute a Ground Lease, pursuant to RFP No. 35-2025 with Social Impact Solar LLC (“SIS”), and a platform entity of Edelen Strategic Ventures LLC, for approximately 357 acres for the development, construction, and operation of a solar photovoltaic project located on the Haley Pike Landfill. Lease revenue estimate for year one is \$30,345. (L0098-26) (Dugas/Albright), p. 3
- b** **0104-26** Authorization to execute an agreement with Cumulus Radio Lexington, KY for radio advertising for Lexington Fayette Urban County Government golf courses at no charge, in exchange for providing rounds of golf, from the date of execution through October 31st, 2026. (L0104-25) (Conrad/Ford), p. 4
- c** **0105-26** Authorization to execute change order #3 with Gresham Smith to increase the original design scope of work of the Kelley’s Landing Phase 0 Project to provide construction administration and partial design change. The increased amount is \$7,626.72, bringing the new contract total to \$79,476.72. (L0105-26) (Conrad/Ford), p. 5 - 7
- d** **0107-26** Authorization to execute the necessary documents with Wastequip Manufacturing Company LLC dba Wastequip to procure dumpster units pursuant to Sourcewell contract 010825-WQI. At a cost of \$33,845.66. Funds are budgeted. (L107-26)(Baldon/Albright), p. 8
- e** **0108-26** Authorization to approve a project services agreement with EverestLabs to participate in a national study on aluminum container capture rates at Materials Recovery Facilities. No budgetary impact. (L0108-26) (Baldon/Albright), p. 9
- f** **0109-26** Authorization to enter into a purchase agreement with Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc. .(Sourcewell Contract #082025-PMI) for (1) Custom Pierce Enforcer Heavy Duty Rescue at a cost not to exceed \$1,960,731.00. Funds are budgeted. (L0109-26) (Wells/Armstrong), p. 10
- g** **0118-26** Authorization to execute a first amendment to the agreement with Arbor Youth Services, Inc. (Reso. 190-2025) to move Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of \$23,994 from case management to rapid rehousing and to authorize the execution of any other agreements or amendments with Arbor Youth Services, Inc. related to the use of these funds. Funds are budgeted. (L0118-26) (Reynolds/Lanter), p. 11

- h** **0119-26** Authorization to submit an application, and accept award if offered, to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection - Division of Waste Management in the amount of \$110,000 for the support of a household hazardous waste collection event for Fayette County, the acceptance of which obligates the government to provide match in the amount of \$27,500. (L0119-26)(Baldon/Albright), p. 12
- i** **0123-26** Authorization to execute a Conditional Commitment Letter and accept additional federal funding from the Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2 Grant (American Rescue Plan Act funds) in the amount of \$990,202 for the East Hickman Pump Station Expansion and Rehabilitation Consent Decree project, bringing the total project cost to \$3,770,202. No match required. Budget amendment in process. (L0123-26)(Martin/Albright), p. 13 - 14

URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
TABLE OF MOTIONS
February 10, 2026

Mayor Gorton called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. Council Members Wu, Brown, Ellinger II, Morton, Lynch, Eblen, Curtis, Sheehan, Higgins-Hord, Hale, Beasley, Baxter, Sevigny, Reynolds, and Boone were present.

I. Public Comment – Issues on Agenda

II. Requested Rezonings/Docket Approval

Motion by Baxter to approve the February 12, 2026 Council Meeting Docket. Seconded by Lisa Higgins-Hord. Motion passed without dissent.

III. Approval of Summary

Motion by Curtis to approve the February 3, 2026 Table of Motions. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

IV. Budget Amendments

Motion by Wu to approve Budget Amendments. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

V. Budget Adjustments – For Information Only

VI. New Business

Motion by Baxter to approve New Business, as amended. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Sevigny to postpone Item d until the February 17, 2026 Council Work Session. Seconded by Morton. Motion passed without dissent.

VII. Communications from the Mayor- Appointments

Motion by Wu to approve Communications from the Mayor- Appointments. Seconded by Reynolds. Ellinger II recused. Motion passed without dissent.

VIII. Communications from the Mayor- Donations

IX. Communications from the Mayor- Procurements

Motion by Sevigny to approve Communications from the Mayor- Procurements. Seconded by Curtis. Motion passed without dissent.

X. Continuing Business/Presentations

Motion by Reynolds to approve Council Capital Projects. Seconded by Wu. Motion passed without dissent.

Sheehan, GGP Chair, provided a summary of the January 20, 2026 General Government and Planning Committee Meeting.

XI. Council Reports

Motion by Morton to place 'Experimental Engagement and Placemaking' in the Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee. Seconded by Sevigny. Motion passed without dissent.

Motion by Hale to place 'Complete Streets Education and Messaging' in the Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee. Seconded by Morton. Motion passed without dissent.

Sevigny, EQPW Chair, placed the following items into the Environmental Quality and Public Works Committee:

- Engineering Manual Updates
- Safe Streets Update

XII. Public Comment – Issues Not on Agenda

XIII. Adjournment

Motion by Sevigny to adjourn at 4:20 p.m. Seconded by Beasley. Motion passed without dissent.

MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

NANCY ALBRIGHT, P.E.
COMMISSIONER
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
& PUBLIC WORKS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

FROM:

**Richard Dugas
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER Sr.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & PUBLIC WORKS**

DATE: February 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Haley Pike Landfill Ground Lease with Social Impact Solar (SIS)

Request: Council authorization for the Mayor on behalf of LFUCG sign a Ground Lease with Social Impact Solar LLC ("SIS"), a Kentucky limited liability company and a platform entity of Edelen Strategic Ventures LLC for approximately 357 acres for the development, construction, and operation of a solar photovoltaic project located on the Haley Pike Landfill.

Purpose of Request: Council authorization for the Mayor on behalf of LFUCG sign a Ground Lease allowing for the development, construction, and operation of a solar photovoltaic project to be located on a leased portion of the Haley Pike Landfill (the "Project"). This lease was negotiated with Social Impact Solar LLC ("SIS") the single respondent to RFP 35-2025. The lease terms require the lessor to establish a Community Benefits Plan to run for the first 15 years of the lease. The initial term of the lease will be 21 years, with two (7) year extensions.

Termination Summary: LFUCG, through the Mayor or Mayor's designee, terminate this agreement based on the tenant's actions or inactions that meet any of the multiple conditions set forth in the lease. The tenant may terminate this agreement with (10) days' written notice, only prior to the Commercial Operation Date.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

Lease Revenue of \$85/acre year one, with a minimum 1.4% annual escalation.

Year one estimate \$30,345

*Project is estimated to generate a year one Water Quality Management Fee of \$43,618

Are the funds budgeted? N/A

Legal Review: Yes, E. Thompson 1/30

File Number:

Director/Commissioner: Dugas/Albright



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

MONICA CONRAD
DIRECTOR, PARKS & RECREATION

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

FROM: 
Monica Conrad, Director, Parks and Recreation

DATE: January 16th, 2026

SUBJECT: Cumulus 2026 Spring and Fall Golf Card Agreement

Request:

Request Council Authorization for the Mayor to execute an agreement with Cumulus Radio Lexington, KY for a one year agreement of radio advertising for Lexington Fayette Urban County Government golf courses for zero (\$0.00) dollars from the date of execution through October 31st, 2026.

Purpose:

This agreement with Cumulus Radio provides an even trade for radio advertising and golf course rounds on Lexington Fayette Urban County golf courses.

Budgetary Implication:

\$0.00 for FY26 budget year

Are the funds budgeted?

N/A

File Number: 0104-26

Director/Commissioner: Monica Conrad/Chris Ford



LINDA GORTON
MAYOR



LEXINGTON

MONICA CONRAD
DIRECTOR
PARKS & RECREATION

TO: Linda Gorton, Mayor
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Monica Conrad, Director, Division of Parks and Recreation

DATE: 2/3/2026

SUBJECT: Kelley's Landing Change Order No. 3

Request

Authorization to execute change order No.3 with Gresham Smith to increase the original design scope of work for Kelley's Landing to provide construction administration and partial design change. The increased amount is \$7,626.72, bringing the new contract total to \$79,476.72.

Why are you requesting?

This change order is to fund \$7,500.00 for construction administration that includes coordination with permitting agencies including KDOW, KYTC and LFUCG Floodplain Permit Coordinator and three design changes if needed. \$126.72 to fund a required newspaper ad for floodplain permitting.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: \$7,626.72

The cost for future FY is: \$0.00

The funds are budgeted in:

KELLEYPROP_2023/CONSTRUCT_CAP 1105-707602-7221-90319-794-2023

File Number: 0105-26

Director / Commissioner: Conrad / Ford



LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER Page 1		Date:	January 29, 2026
		Project:	Kelleys Landing Phase 0
		Location:	8949 Old Richmond Road Kelleys Landing
To (Contractor):	Contract No.	147-2025	
Gresham Smith	Original Contract Amt.	\$38,000.00	
100 West Main Street	Cumulative Amount of Previous Change Orders	\$33,850.00	
Lexington, KY 40507	Percent Change - Previous Change Orders		89.08%
	Total Contract Amount Prior to this Change Order	\$71,850.00	
	Change Order No.	3	
You are hereby requested to comply with the following changes from the contract plans and specification;			
Current Change Order			
Item No.	Description of changes-quantities, unit prices, change in completion date, etc.	Decrease in contract price	Increase in contract price
1	Project construction administration		\$7,500.00
	Required floodplain permitting newspaper ad.		\$126.72
	See Attached Sheet		
	Total decrease	\$0.00	
	Total increase		\$7,626.72
	Net Amount of this Change Order	\$7,626.72	
	New Contract Amount Including this Change Order	\$79,476.72	
	Percent Change - This Change Order		20.07%
	Percent Change - All Change Orders		109.15%
The time provided for the completion in the contract and all provisions of the contract will apply hereto.			
Recommended by:	<i>Jeffrey M. Nalley</i>	(Proj. Mngr.) Date:	01/29/2026
Accepted by:	<i>Eric Hargrett</i>	(Contractor) Date:	02/02/2026
Approved by:	<i>Mike Smith</i>	(Director) Date:	2/2/2026
Approved by:	<i>John Smith</i>	(Director - Procurement) Date:	2-2-26
Approved by:	<i>Chris Smith</i>	(Commissioner) Date:	2/02/26
Approved by:		(Mayor or CAO) Date:	

CONTRACT HISTORY FORMProject Name Kelleys Landing Phase 0Contractor: Gresham SmithContract Number and Date: LF00207797Responsible LFUCG Division: Parks & Recreation**CONTRACT AND CHANGE ORDER DETAILS**

A. Original Contract Amount:	\$	<u>38,000.00</u>	
Next Lowest Bid Amount:			
B. Amount of Selected Alternate or Phase:	\$	<u>0.00</u>	
C. Cumulative Amount of All Previous Alternates or Phases:	\$	<u>0.00</u>	
D. Amended Contract Amount:	\$	<u></u>	
E. Cumulative Amount of All Previous Change Orders:	\$	<u>33,850.00</u>	<u></u> (Line E / Line D)
F. Amount of This Change Order:	\$	<u>7,626.72</u>	<u></u> (Line F / Line D)
G. Total Contract Amount:	\$	<u>79,476.72</u>	

SIGNATURESProject Manager: Jeffrey M. NalleyDate: 1/29/2026Reviewed by: Date: Division Director: Date: 2/2/2026

MAYOR LINDA GORTON

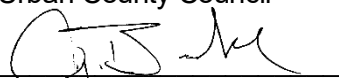


LEXINGTON

ANTONIO BALDON
DIRECTOR
WASTE MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Antonio Baldon, Director
Division of Waste Management

DATE: January 20, 2025

SUBJECT: Dumpster Units for LFUCG Facilities and Recycling Drop-Off Program

Request: Council authorization to approve purchase agreement with Wastequip for dumpster units, pursuant to Sourcewell contract 010825-WQI.

Why are you requesting? The Division of Waste Management will purchase and provide dumpsters to other LFUCG facilities to improve efficiency across the city. Some of these units will be used to expand Lexington's Recycling Drop-off program. There are currently four of these drop-off locations.

What is the cost this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: **\$33,845.66**

The cost for future FY is: **N/A**

Are the funds budgeted? Yes

Account Number: 1115-303503-3532-96455

cc: Nancy Albright, Commissioner- EQPW



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

ANTONIO BALDON
DIRECTOR
WASTE MANAGEMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton
Urban County Council

FROM: 
Antonio Baldon, Director
Division of Waste Management

DATE: February 3, 2026

SUBJECT: Aluminum Container Study with EverestLabs

Request: Council authorization to approve project services agreement with EverestLabs to participate in a national study on aluminum container capture rates at Materials Recovery Facilities ("MRFs").

Why are you requesting? The Division of Waste Management's Materials Recovery Facility will participate in a study on aluminum containers passing through the facility. EverestLabs will install ai-assisted cameras at the MRF and train their software to identify aluminum containers. This study will provide valuable data about the MRF's collection of aluminum containers. The duration of the study will be four months following the installation of the necessary equipment and software.

What is the cost this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: **N/A**

The cost for future FY is: **N/A**

Are the funds budgeted?

Account Number:

cc: Nancy Albright, Commissioner- EQPW



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

Jason G. Wells
Fire Chief

TO: Mayor Linda Gorton

FROM: Jason G. Wells, Fire Chief

DATE: February 4, 2026

SUBJECT: Purchase Agreement with Atlantic Emergency Solutions

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services request authorization to enter into a purchase agreement with Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Inc. (Sourcewell Contract #082025-PMI) for (1) Custom Pierce Enforcer Heavy Duty Rescue at a cost not to exceed \$1,960,731.00.

Why are you requesting? The existing heavy rescue unit is nearing a stage in its service life where ongoing maintenance and ownership costs are no longer cost-effective.

Department needs this action completed because: This apparatus is unique within the department's fleet, it experiences high utilization and is critical to meeting specialized emergency response needs. Given the extended lead time associated with the design, construction, and delivery of a replacement unit, timely approval of this purchase is essential to maintain operational readiness and meet established service requirements.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years?

The cost for this FY is: \$1,960,731.00

The cost for future FY is: N/A

Are the funds budgeted? Yes, funds are budgeted.

Account # 1105-505707-5713-96957 FY25 -\$572,279.05

#105-505707-5713-96957 FY26- \$1,388,451.95

File Number:

If there is a contract, please indicate the cancellation clause: Cancellation or Default by Customer. In the event that the Customer cancels its order or otherwise breaches this Agreement by reason of non-payment or otherwise prior to delivery, Atlantic shall be permitted to retain possession and ownership of the Apparatus and shall not be obligated to deliver same to Customer.

Director/Commissioner: Wells/Armstrong



MAYOR LINDA GORTON



LEXINGTON

THERESA REYNOLDS

DIRECTOR

GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

SUBJECT: Amendment to Agreement with Arbor Youth Services, Inc.

Request: Council authorization to execute an amendment to the agreement with Arbor Youth Services, Inc. to move Emergency Solutions Grant funds in the amount of \$23,994 from case management to rapid rehousing and authorizing the Mayor to execute any other agreements or amendments with Arbor Youth Services, Inc. related to the use of these funds.

Purpose of Request: On May 8, 2025 (Resolution 190-2025), Council authorized the submission of the 2025 Consolidated Plan and acceptance of the award for federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Community Development Block Grant Program in the amount of \$2,320,758, HOME Investment Partnerships Program in the amount of \$1,206,372.03 and Emergency Solutions Grants Program in the amount of \$205,743, and to authorize the execution of agreements with subrecipients in accordance with the approved plan allocation amounts for the Fiscal Year 2025.

Arbors Youth Services, Inc. was awarded \$73,913 for a Rapid Rehousing Program for youth between ages of 18 and 24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. A grant adjustment is needed to reduce case management and increase rapid rehousing rental assistance in the amount of \$23,994 for the FY2025 funds as there are enough case management funds budgeted for services in the prior year's grant.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? All funds were previously budgeted. Funds for future budget years are dependent upon availability of grant funds.

Are the funds budgeted? Grant funds are budgeted

File Number: 0118-26

Director/Commissioner: Reynolds/Lanter



MAYOR LINDA GORTON

**LEXINGTON**THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL****FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS****DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2026****SUBJECT: Application for Household Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program**

Request: Council authorization to submit an application, and accept award if offered, to the Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection - Division of Waste Management in the amount of \$110,000 for the support of a household hazardous waste collection event for Fayette County, the acceptance of which obligates the government to provide match in the amount of \$27,500. If the full grant award is not utilized at the one-day event, authorization is requested to apply for a supplemental second event during FY27 to utilize any remaining grant funds.

Purpose of Request: The Department of Environmental Quality and Public Works - Division of Waste Management has prepared an application for submission to the state agency requesting funds for support of a countywide household waste collection event. Funds will be used to contract with an approved vendor for appropriate disposal of hazardous waste. RFP 21-2025 selected Environmental Enterprises, Inc. as the winning bidder and outlines a price contract for disposal costs. The Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste Grant Program was established in 2006 by Senate Bill 50. KRS 224.43-505 (2)(c) specifies the establishment of a Recycling and Household Hazardous Waste management grant program.

Cost in this budget year and future budget years: State funds in the amount of \$110,000 will be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2027. If grant funds are awarded, a match is required in FY27 in the amount of \$27,500 in the Urban Services Funds (Fund 1115). Total cost will be \$137,500. No expenses are anticipated for future budget years.

Are funds budgeted? A budget amendment will be completed if approved.

File Number: 0119-26

Director/Commissioner: Baldon/Albright



MAYOR LINDA GORTON

**LEXINGTON**THERESA REYNOLDS
DIRECTOR
GRANTS & SPECIAL PROGRAMS

**TO: LINDA GORTON, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: THERESA REYNOLDS, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: FEBRUARY 6, 2026

**SUBJECT: Acceptance of an Increased Award from Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2
Grant from American Rescue Funds for the East Hickman Pump Station
Expansion and Rehabilitation Project**

Request: Council authorization to execute a Conditional Commitment Letter and accept additional federal funding from the Kentucky Cleaner Water Round 2 Grant (American Rescue Plan Act funds) in the amount of \$990,202 for the East Hickman Pump Station Expansion and Rehabilitation Consent Decree project, bringing the total project cost to \$3,770,202.

Purpose of Request: This grant is for the construction of increasing pumping capacity, monitoring force main odor control and improving screening management facilities at the station. The project is currently under construction and \$990,202 in grant funds has been reallocated from completed grant projects. On January 22, 2026 (Resolution 011-2026), Council approved reallocation of awarded Kentucky Cleaner Water grant funding (ARPA). The purpose of this resolution is to provide approval documentation in the format required by Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA).

This project is part of the Consent Decree Remedial Measures Plan (RMP) project schedule approved by the Commonwealth and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The project is scheduled for completion by December 31, 2026.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? \$990,202 has been awarded FY2026. No match required. Future years long term O&M costs will be a component of the Fund 4002 operating budget.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment is in process.

File Number: 0123-26

Director/Commissioner: Martin/Albright





East Hickman
Pump Station

**Council Capital Projects
February 17, 2026
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Amount	Recipient	Purpose
\$ 13,072.00	WiseGuys Urban Uplift Foundation James Hudson 1105-121001-0001-71102	To assist with purchasing a boxing ring and trailer for the community boxing program
\$ 1,500.00	Lexington History Museum Mandy Higgins 1105-121001-0001-71102	For two archival storage units; a wardrobe cabinet to store textiles and a flat file storage system for maps and other paper documents
\$ 8,000.00	Levee Collective Tosha Sun 1105-121001-0001-71102	For the refurbishment and improvements to their space including a new deck, lighting replacements, and wall repair



Social Services and Public Safety Committee

January 13, 2026

Summary and Motions

Chair Jennifer Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Committee Members Vice Mayor Dan Wu, Council Members Chuck Ellinger, Tyler Morton, Shayla Lynch, Lisa Higgins-Hord, Joseph Hale, Amy Beasley, Whitney Elliott Baxter, and Hilary Boone were present. Council Members Emma Curtis and Dave Sevigny were present as non-voting members.

I. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 14, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY

Motion by Ellinger for approval of the October 14, 2025 Committee Meeting Summary. Seconded by Higgins-Hord. Motion passed without dissent.

II. CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION REQUIREMENTS

Chair Reynolds introduced the item and explained that this work stemmed from a fatal carbon monoxide poisoning incident in her district that resulted in one death and eleven hospitalizations, prompting a review of local regulations. She said a cross-departmental working group, including Fire, Public Safety, Code Enforcement, Housing, and Law, was convened to evaluate potential regulatory changes, and this presentation reflected the outcome of that work.

Battalion Chief and Fire Marshal Jeff Johnson noted that carbon monoxide (CO) is a long-recognized life-safety hazard, with more than 400 deaths and 100,000 emergency room visits nationwide in 2025. Locally, Lexington reported approximately 30 cases and one fatality last year. Chief Johnson explained that since 2011, building codes have required CO detection in new construction and major remodels, but existing structures built before 2011 are not covered, creating a regulatory gap. The proposed approach adopts International Fire Code (IFC) Section 1103.9, which requires CO detection in existing structures.

Two ordinances were presented:

- Section 9-2.1 establishes safety standards for CO detection, including the installation of CO detectors in existing commercial structures.
- Amendment to Section 12-1(C) establishes the required standards for CO detection, including the installation of CO detectors in existing single and two-family dwellings.

The purpose of these requirements is to reduce preventable injuries and deaths from CO poisoning by requiring CO detection in existing residential and commercial buildings where CO sources are present (fuel-burning fireplaces, space heaters, furnaces, stoves, water heaters, or attached garages). These ordinances close a safety gap for older buildings, align Lexington with International Fire Code standards, and address a documented, preventable public health risk with a low-cost, high-impact solution.

Enforcement would follow existing processes:

- The Fire Marshal's office would enforce Section 9-2.1, which includes receiving notice through an order to remedy and a fire marshal order. The section also outlines an appeal process.
- Code Enforcement will identify CO hazards during routine inspections when invited in by a resident. Failure to comply results in punitive citations

During the discussion, members clarified the applicability to specific occupancies, placement guidance, homeowner responsibility, and coordination with existing smoke and CO alarm assistance programs. Chief Johnson noted that the Fire Department can currently provide limited CO alarms upon request, subject to funding availability.

Motion by Morton to approve the draft language for Sections 9-2.1 and 12-1(C) [as presented to the Social Services & Public Safety Committee on January 13, 2026]. Seconded by Hale. Motion passed without dissent. [Note from Law Department: Language was cleaned up in Section 12-1(C) under PM-705.1, removing a reference to the International Residential Code, as the Kentucky Residential Code establishes building code requirements for single-family and two-family dwelling units in Kentucky – this is a non-material change]

III. STREET OUTREACH AND HOMELESS ENCAMPMENT RESPONSE

Jeff Herron, Homelessness Prevention Manager, delivered the presentation. Herron explained that street outreach provides mobile, community-based services for individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, particularly those least likely to seek help on their own. Street outreach is a core component of effective homeless response systems, providing mobile, trauma-informed engagement to connect unsheltered individuals with shelter, housing, healthcare, treatment, basic needs, employment, education, and benefits—particularly for those least likely to seek help independently.

He outlined the evolution of Lexington’s outreach program:

- 2016-2019 Hope Center Pilot: First-touch outreach model (\$75,000 annually).
- 2019-2023 Community Action Council Assertive Outreach: Expanded case management and pandemic response (\$280,000 annually),
- 2023-Present Hope Center Progressive Outreach: Expanded hours and clinical support (approximately \$316,000 annually).

Since August 1, 2023, the Hope Center has made over 800 unique contacts, with nearly 30% resulting in positive housing outcomes. Approximately 32% of participants enrolled in intensive case management, and 63% of those exited to permanent housing. The addition of an Encampment Coordinator (hired in September) has improved coordination, efficiency, oversight, and case-specific responses.

Looking ahead, the downtown outreach team will include weekend coverage and enhanced clinical support. The Hope Center contract expires in July 2026, and an RFP will be issued in spring 2026 to rebid services, informed by the Encampment Coordinator and downtown expansion data. A Mayor’s Task Force on homelessness is also developing recommendations for continued system improvements.

In response to questions, Herron stated that an ideal future model would include 24/7 outreach coverage, which would require approximately four additional full-time staff and increase annual costs from roughly \$500,000 to \$800,000. The initial downtown service area will cover the downtown entertainment district and surrounding blocks, with flexible boundaries extending roughly to Third Street, the north end of UK’s campus, and toward the convention center. Council members acknowledged successful interdepartmental coordination, including the cleanup of the Russell Cave Road encampment. The Chair noted the item may be returned for future discussion. No action was taken on this item.

IV. AUDREY GREVIOUS CENTER UPDATE

Felicia Lindsay, Principal of Audrey Grevious Center (AGC), provided the update. Principal Lindsay explained that AGC is a public-school treatment and education program serving Fayette County youth

ages 12–18 (up to 21 for qualifying special education services). It is designed for young people involved in the juvenile justice system and with significant social/emotional needs, enabling them to remain in the community. AGC provides individualized and group counseling, clinical assessments, treatment planning, and collaborative treatment team meetings that include families, as well as academic instruction aligned with Board of Education guidelines. The treatment model emphasizes trauma-informed and cognitive/behavioral therapies, with students receiving daily group therapy and individual support. Grant funding supported the creation of a calming room, and a \$10,000 grant was used to update the school library.

The presentation highlighted extensive community partnerships supporting employment, mentoring, literacy, and enrichment, as well as student and parent testimonials demonstrating improved attendance, behavior, academic progress, and successful transitions back to A1 district schools, with continued support from a transition specialist. Enrollment and outcome data showed that students with IEPs, 504 plans, English language learners, and gifted/talented students have recovered multiple credits toward graduation since August. Discipline data reflected a reduction in incidents through therapeutic interventions and alternatives to suspension, and academic data showed growth in reading and math.

Kacy Allen-Bryant, Commissioner of Social Services, provided historical context, noting the program's origins as a day treatment model and its evolution into the current partnership, in which FCPS provides education and therapeutic services while LFUCG provides infrastructure and operational support. Principal Lindsay emphasized that AGC is open to additional community partnerships and welcomes mentors and organizations interested in supporting students. No action was taken on this item.

V. ANNUAL REVIEW OF COMMITTEE AGENDA ITEMS

No items were removed from the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:14 p.m.

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ORDINANCE NO. _____ - 2026

AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 9-2.1 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, RELATING TO FIRE PREVENTION, TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE 2024 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE ESTABLISHING REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN EXISTING BUILDINGS, EFFECTIVE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas which poses a hazard to life and safety when undetected in dwellings and other structures; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is empowered under Section 156b of the Kentucky Constitution, KRS 82.082, KRS 67A.060, and KRS 67A.070 (“Home Rule”) to enact laws which are in furtherance of a public purpose, including laws which promote the health and safety of Lexington-Fayette County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government considers the health and safety of its residents to be of the utmost importance and wishes to enact legislation ensuring that carbon monoxide leaks in homes and other structures do not go undetected, by adopting standards for carbon monoxide detection and requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in existing buildings.

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

Section 1 – That Section 9-2.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is created to read as follows:

Sec. 9-2.1. – Standards of safety as they pertain to carbon monoxide detection.

(1) The provisions of the International Fire Code Section 1103.9, relating to carbon

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monoxide detection, as currently codified and as may be amended from time to time, be and hereby are adopted and incorporated into this section as if fully set forth herein.

Section 2 – That this Ordinance shall become effective one hundred and eighty (180) days following passage of Council.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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ORDINANCE NO. _____ - 2026

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 12-1(C) OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE, TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING REQUIRED STANDARDS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION, INCLUDING THE INSTALLATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS IN EXISTING SINGLE- AND MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS, WHICH SHALL BE EFFECTIVE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY (180) DAYS FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF COUNCIL.

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless gas which poses a hazard to life and safety when undetected in dwellings and other structures; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is empowered under Section 156b of the Kentucky Constitution, KRS 82.082, KRS 67A.060, and KRS 67A.070 (“Home Rule”) to enact laws which are in furtherance of a public purpose, including laws which promote the health and safety of Lexington-Fayette County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government considers the health and safety of its residents of the utmost importance and wishes to enact legislation ensuring that carbon monoxide leaks in homes and other structures do not go undetected, by adopting standards for carbon monoxide detection and requiring the installation of carbon monoxide detectors in existing single- and multi-family dwellings.

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

Section 1 – That Section 12-1(c) of the Code of Ordinances of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is amended in pertinent part to add the following sequentially numbered sections, to read as follows:

Sec. 12-1. - Property maintenance code.

(c) *Revisions.* Certain sections of this code are hereby revised to read as follows:

[...]

PM-705.1

Carbon monoxide alarms shall be installed in existing single- and multi-family dwellings in accordance with Section 1103.9 of the International Fire Code.

PM-705.2

Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detection systems for existing single- and multi-family dwellings shall be maintained in accordance with NFPA 720. Carbon monoxide alarms and carbon monoxide detectors that become inoperable or begin producing end-of-life signals shall be replaced.

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[...]

Section 2 – That this Ordinance shall become effective one hundred and eighty (180) days following passage of Council.

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL