

Citizens' Guide to Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government



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Dear Friend:

Welcome to the 2009 Citizens Guide, your guide to city government.

The goal of this streamlined guide, which provides an overview of city services, contact numbers and information, is to make it easy for you to find the government services that are important to you. Whether you choose to use this Citizens Guide, to look us up on

www.lexingtonky.gov, to call us at LexCall 3-1-1 (425-2255) or to monitor us on cable Channel G-TV3, we want you to have easy access to the government services you need.

Just as it's important for you to hear from the city, we want to hear from you. Write me with suggestions or comments at the Government Center, 200 East Main Street, 40507, or e-mail me at mayor@lfucg.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Newberry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jim Newberry
Mayor





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A Brief History of Lexington

(from the Lexington Convention and Visitor's Bureau Web site www.visitlex.com)

When European settlers arrived in the area, the Bluegrass region was in use as a hunting ground for numerous Native American tribes. Daniel Boone was one of the first Anglo-Saxons to explore the area. He helped establish Kentucky's first forts in Harrodsburg and Boonesborough.

Lexington was founded in 1775, 17 years before Kentucky became a state. William McConnell and a group of frontier explorers were camped at a natural spring when word came from nearby Fort Boonesboro that the first battle of the American Revolution had been fought in Lexington, Massachusetts. In honor of the battle, the group named their site "Lexington". By 1820, Lexington, Kentucky, was one of the largest and wealthiest towns west of the Allegheny Mountains. So cultured was its lifestyle, our city soon gained the nickname "Athens of the West."

Geography

Fayette County consists of 283 square miles of gently rolling plateau in the center of the inner Bluegrass Region. The area is noted for its beauty, fertile soil, excellent pastureland and horse and stock farms. *Poa Pratensis* (bluegrass) thrives on the limestone beneath the soil's surface, playing a major role in the area's scenic beauty and in the development of champion horses. Numerous small creeks rise and flow into the Kentucky River.

Population

The latest U.S. Census estimate for Lexington-Fayette County is 270,789 (2006). The estimated population of the metropolitan statistical area (MSA), which is comprised of Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine, Madison, Scott, and Woodford counties, is 424,778.



The 1974-1976 Lexington-Fayette Urban County Councilmembers are (top row, left to right) Tony Curtsinger, Joe Jasper, Jack Hall, Robert Finn, O. M. Travis, Donald Blevins, Paul Rose, Pamela Miller, William Ward, Cecil Frost, and (bottom row, left to right) Councilmember At-Large J. Farra Van Meter, Councilmember At-Large Scotty Baesler, Mayor H. Foster Pettit, Councilmember At-Large William Hoskins and Bart Peak.

History of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

In 1970-71, the Kentucky Legislature passed a bill permitting the merger of city and county governments. The former Lexington City Commission and the Fayette County Fiscal Court appointed a merger commission that drafted a charter for a new merged government that, among other provisions, eliminated the duplication of various services by the city and county and the need to pay separate property taxes.

In 1972, more than 70 percent of voters approved the proposed merged government, headed by a Mayor and 15 Council members, one of whom serves as vice-mayor. In 1974, the city and county governments in Lexington and Fayette County became Kentucky's first merged government, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

Staying connected through...

LexCall 3-1-1

GTV3



Want to make a service request? Need some information about city government? Dial 3-1-1 to get the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's centralized and information contact center.

When you call LexCall 3-1-1 — the one call for city hall — during office hours, Monday–Friday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. you will be connected with a friendly person who will help you — not a recording. You can also reach LexCall on the internet by visiting its Web site. You can retrieve information, fill out a service request or report a problem.

To call LexCall 3-1-1 from outside Lexington and Fayette County, dial (859) 425-2255 or (859) 425-CALL.

Tune in to Government TV3 — on Insight Cable Channel 3, to find out what's going on in the community, government, the Urban County Council, and a host of other topics being discussed in Lexington and Fayette County. GTV3 provides live coverage of important news conferences, new programs, ideas, special events, and gavel-to-gavel coverage of Council work sessions, meetings, and other government news. Go to our weekly on-line schedule of programs.

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Mayor's Night In/Out

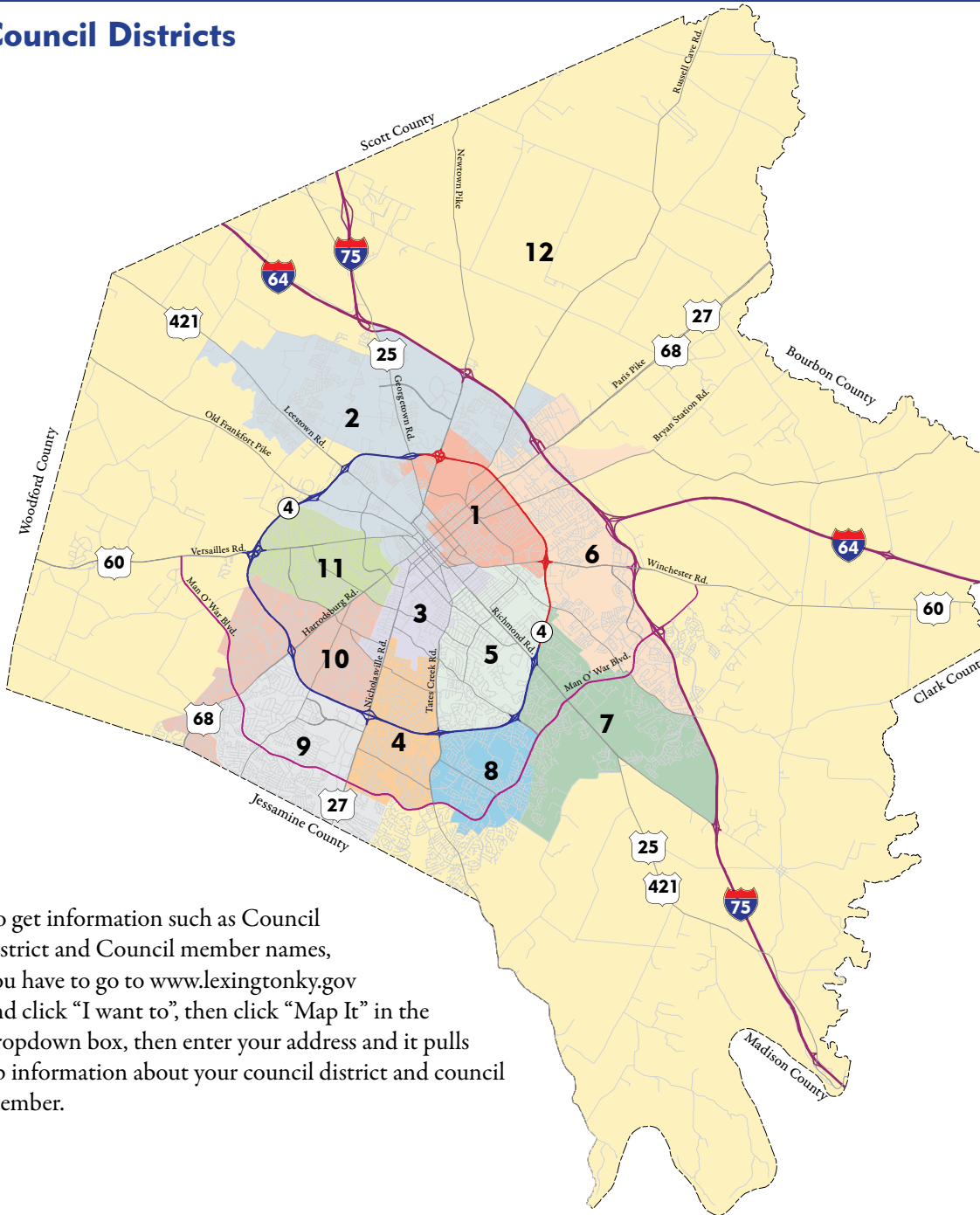
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Mayor Jim Newberry holds regular one-on-one meetings with citizens to receive their input. Some of the sessions are in his office at the Government Center — Mayor's Night In — and other meetings are held in other convenient locations around the city — Mayor's Night Out. You are invited to express opinions, ideas, or concerns to Mayor Newberry and members of his staff, commissioners or other government officials. Notices of Mayor's Night In (or Out) will be posted on the Mayor's page on www.lexingtonky.gov, sent to the local media, and posted on the news page of the Web site. You can also email the mayor and others from the Web site.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Web site, www.lexingtonky.gov, can also answer many of your questions about city services. From the agendas for Council Work Sessions and the dockets for official Council meetings to pickup dates for recycling and yard waste carts, the Web site provides helpful information that is accessible from your computer, anywhere, anytime.

Council Districts



To get information such as Council district and Council member names, you have to go to www.lexingtonky.gov and click "I want to", then click "Map It" in the dropdown box, then enter your address and it pulls up information about your council district and council member.

- 1** Andrea James
- 2** Tom Blues
- 3** Diane Lawless
- 4** Julian Beard
- 5** Cheryl Feigel
- 6** Kevin Stinnett
- 7** K.C. Crosbie
- 8** George Myers
- 9** Jay McChord
- 10** Douglas Martin
- 11** Peggy Henson
- 12** Ed Lane



Lexington Mayor **Jim Newberry** (center), his senior advisers and the Urban County Government commissioners, who are, from left, **Joe Kelly**, senior adviser; **Tim Bennett**, commissioner of Public Safety; **Cheryl Taylor**, commissioner of Environmental Quality; **Rama Dhuwaraha**, senior adviser and chief information officer; **Kimra Cole**, commissioner of General Services; **Marlene Helm**, commissioner of Social Services; **Mike Webb**, commissioner of Public Works; **Bill O'Mara**, commissioner of Finance & Administration (acting); and **Logan Askew**, commissioner of Law.

The Mayor

The Mayor is the chief executive of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The Mayor appoints all Commissioners of the eight departments (subject to confirmation by the Urban County Council, and appoints all members of boards and commissions).

The Mayor is elected for a term of four years, and can serve no more than three (3) consecutive full terms as Mayor. In addition, the Mayor:

- presides at all Council meetings, but votes only in the case of a tie;
- submits an annual budget to the Council;
- submits an annual report on the state of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government; and
- may call special meetings of the Council.

Since the merger in 1974, there have been six mayors: H. Foster Pettit, James G. Amato, Scotty Baesler, Pam Miller, Teresa Ann Isaac, and Jim Newberry.



The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Council

The Urban County Council is the legislative branch of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, with the power to establish budgets, set policy and levy taxes, subject to limits set by the Charter and state laws.

Fayette County is divided into 12 Council districts of approximately equal population. One Council member is elected from each district for two-year terms. Council members may serve up to six consecutive terms.

The 15-member Council also includes three at-large members, elected by voters countywide. The at-large member who receives the most votes in the general election becomes the vice mayor.

The mayor presides over Council meetings. In the absence of the mayor, the vice mayor is the presiding officer over the Council and if the office of the mayor is vacated, the vice mayor becomes mayor.

Council meetings: The Council holds work sessions at 3 p.m. most Tuesdays. At the work session, the Council decides what actions will be taken at the formal meetings on Thursday nights. Council meetings are formal meetings in which previously discussed ordinances and resolutions are legally enacted by the Council. The formal meetings are held at least twice a month on Thursday nights at 7 p.m.

Council work sessions and the official meetings are held in the council chambers on the second floor of the Government Center and are open to the public. There is public comment time at both of these meetings.

Council offices are located on the fourth and fifth floors of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Center located at 200 East Main Street in Lexington. Visit www.lexingtonky.gov for more information on the Urban County Council.

Councilmembers

Jim Gray, Vice-Mayor



(859) 258-3202

jgray@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Maureen Watson, (859) 258-3202

Occupation: President, CEO of Gray Construction Company

Terms: Currently in first four-year term

Committees: Budget & Finance, Planning, Intergovernmental, and Water Resources Oversight

Neighborhoods: Gray is elected at-large, which means he represents all of Lexington and Fayette County.

Linda Gorton, Council At-Large



(859) 258-3211

lgorton@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Melynda Milburn, (859) 258-3828

Occupation: Staff nurse for local physician, instructor, U.S. Army Reserve

Terms: First term as an at-large member; four terms representing Council District 4

Committees: Chair, Planning Committee; serves on Budget & Finance and Water Resources Oversight

Neighborhoods: Gorton is elected at-large and represents all of Lexington and Fayette County.

Chuck Ellinger II, Council At-Large



(859) 258-3212

cellinge@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Shannon Settles, (859) 258-3210

Occupation: Attorney

Terms: Currently in second four-year term

Committees: Chair, Services Committee; serves on Planning and Budget & Finance

Neighborhoods: Ellinger is elected at-large and represents all of Lexington and Fayette County.

Andrea James, District 1



(859) 258-3216

ajames@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Sarah Brown, (859) 258-3205

Terms: Currently in her second two-year term

Committees: Chair of Intergovernmental, serves on Planning, Budget & Finance, Outside Agency Oversight, Tree Board, and Citizens with Disabilities.

Neighborhood associations: Brucetown, Castlewood, Fayette Park Enhancement, Georgetown Street, Gratz Park, Green Acres/Hollow Creek-Breckinridge, Martin Luther King, Meadows Park, Meadows/Loudon, North End, North Limestone, North Upper Street, Northside, Smithtown, St. Martins Village, William Wells Brown

Tom Blues, District 2



(859) 258-3217

tblues@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Georgetta Gill, (859) 425-2276

Occupation: Retired English professor at University of Kentucky

Terms: Currently in his second two-year term

Committees: Chair of Water Resources Oversight; serves on Planning, Budget & Finance and Intergovernmental

Neighborhood associations: Belmont, Bracktown, Brookfield Chase, Coldstream Station, Davistown/Davis Bottoms, Galberith, Georgetown Street, Green Acres/Hollow Creek-Breckinridge, Griffin Gate, Highlands, Historic Woodward Heights, Joyland, Leesway, Marehaven, Masterson Station, McConnells Trace, Meadowthorpe, Melrose-Oak, Oakwood, Radcliffe/Marlboro, South End Park, Speigle Heights, Townley Park, Western Suburb, Winburn

Diane Lawless, District 3



(859) 258-3222

dglawless@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Diana Queen, (859) 258-3464

Occupation: Retired Executive Director, Rape Crisis Center

Terms: Currently in her first two-year term

Committees: Planning, Services, Intergovernmental, and Outside Agency Oversight

Neighborhood associations: Aylesford Place, Bell Court, Cherokee Park, Columbia Heights, Elizabeth Street, Penmoken Park, Grosvenor/Woolfork, Historic South Hill, Hollywood Terrace, Hollywood-Mt. Vernon, Mentelle, Montclair, North Elizabeth Street, Oldham Avenue, Penmoken Park, Pralltown Dev. Corp., Seven Parks, Transylvania Park, WGPL, Woodland Triangle

Julian Beard, District 4



(859) 258-3223

jbeard@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Willy Fogle, (859) 425-2287

Occupation: Retired banker, former Lexington Director of Economic Development

Terms: Currently in his second two-year term

Committees: Planning, Intergovernmental, Services, Budget & Finance, Outside Agency Oversight, and Water Resources Oversight

Neighborhood associations: Ashwood Townhouses of Laredo, Belleau Wood, Brigadoon, Forest View, Lansdowne, Merry Wives of Greenbriar, Oaks Condominium, Overbrook Fountains, Pickway Korner, Shadeland, Southern Heights, Stoneybrook, Zandale

Cheryl Feigel, District 5



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cfeigel@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Jamie Bloyd, (859) 425-2283

Occupation: Real estate agent, former teacher, former Mayor and Councilwoman, Colleyville, Tx.

Terms: Currently in her first two-year term

Committees: Planning, Intergovernmental, Services, and Water Resources Oversight

Neighborhood associations: Ashland, Ashland Park, Castlegate, Chenault Road, Chevy Chase Merchants, Chevy Chase, Chinoe Road, Courtney Commons, Dudley-Ridgeway, East Cooper Drive, Eastwood Maintenance, Eastwood, Fairway, Harmony Hall, Idle Hour Drive, Idle Hour Neighbors Alliance, Indian Mound, Kenwick, Lakewood, Lansdowne-Merrick, Louisiana Avenue, North Henry Clay, Shadeland Terrace Condominiums, Shriners, South Broadway Park, Tabor Oaks, Taborlake Subdivision, The Woods Street Maintenance, Warrenton Woods, Willow Glen, and Woodlake

Kevin O. Stinnett, District 6



(859) 258-3225

kstinnett@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Dina Melvin, (859) 258-3209

Occupation: Owner, financial services company; investment advisor.

Terms: Currently in his third two-year term

Committees: Chair, Budget & Finance; Planning Committee; Outside Agency Oversight and Water Resources Oversight

Neighborhood associations: Andover Forest, Autumn Ridge, Banbury Hunt, Brighton East, Bryan Station, Cadentown, Danby Corners, Eastland Parkway, Elkhorn Park, Hamburg, Kennedy Landing, Killington Hunt, LaClede Farm Village, Neighbors of Bryan Station, North Pointe Neighbors, Old Paris Place, Richmond Square, The Cottages of Liberty Woods, Timber Creek, Villas at Andover

K. C. Crosbie, District 7



(859) 258-3214

kccrosbie@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Allison Hallett, (859) 258-3214

Occupation: Healthcare sales

Terms: Currently in her second two-year term

Committees: Intergovernmental and Services

Neighborhood associations: Andover, Century Hills, Chilesburg, Chippendale Square, East Lake, East Main Street, Fairways at Lakeside, Golf Townhomes at Andover Estates, Golf Townhomes at Andover, Groves Point, Hunting Hills, Huntington Woods, Lake Area, Lake Crossing, Lakeshore Village, Lakeview Estates, Lakeview Island, Patchen Woods, Squire Oak, Stuart Hall, The Lofts at Locust Hill Townhome Association, Walnut Creek, Walnut Ridge, Woodhill Area, Woodhill Park

George G. Myers, District 8



(859) 258-3203

georgem2@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Joe Schuler, (859) 258-3220

Terms: Currently in his third two-year term

Occupation: Insurance Representative; former consultant and Council Aide

Committees: Chair of Outside Agency Oversight; serves on Intergovernmental, Services, and Budget & Finance

Neighborhood associations: Carriage Lane, Centre City Condo, Centre Parkway, Gainesway, Mill Creek, Norwood, Park Place, Southeastern Hills, Tatesbrook, The Vineyard

Jay McChord, District 9



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jmcchord@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Lori Henry, (859) 258-3215

Occupation: Financial services

Terms: Currently in his third two-year term

Committees: Planning, Services, and Outside Agency Oversight

Neighborhood associations: Clemons Heights/Clemens Grove, Cooper Run, Copperfield, Hidden Springs, Hidden Woods, Indian Hills/Pera Place, Monticello, Plantation, Rabbit Run, Rabbit Run/Stonewall, Robinwood, Southpoint, Stonecreek, Stonewall Community, Stonewall Equestrian, Wellington, Willow Bend, Willow Oak, Wyndham Downs, Wyndham Meadows, Wyndham Meadows Ridge

Doug Martin, District 10



(859) 258-3224

dmartin@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Allison Webster, (859) 258-2285

Occupation: Attorney; speaker and author on business and real estate law

Terms: Currently in his first two-year term

Committees: Intergovernmental and Services

Neighborhood associations: Beaumont, Beaumont Park, Beaumont Residential, Cave Hill, Claymont, Deerfield, Dogwood Trace, Firebrook, Garden Springs, Greater Twin Oaks, Harrods Hill, Harrods Pointe, Harrodsview, Hartland, Hill n' Dale, Lexington Oaks, Open Gates, Palomar Hills, Palomar Townhomes, Pasadena, Pera Place, Picadome, Quail Run, Rosemill, Skycrest, Spicewood, West Gardenside

Peggy Henson, District 11



(859) 258-3218

phenson@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Marian Zeitlin, (859) 258-3201

Occupation: Assistant Director of Job Placement for employment agency.

Terms: Currently in her second term

Committees: Intergovernmental, Services, and Water Resources Oversight

Neighborhood associations: Calumet, Cardinal Valley, Gardenside Park, Golfview Estates, Hamilton Park, Harrods Park Townhouse, Headley Green, Holiday Hills/Valley Heights, Horse and Carriage, Mason-Headley, Old Colony, Oldham Park, Parker's Landing, Pine Meadow, Port Royal, Saddle Club, The Colony, The Lane, Versailles Road/Bennett Avenue, Porter Place, Viley Road/Versailles Road

Ed Lane, District 12



(859) 258-3221

edlane@lfucg.com

Legislative Aide: Scott Seymour, (859) 258-3221

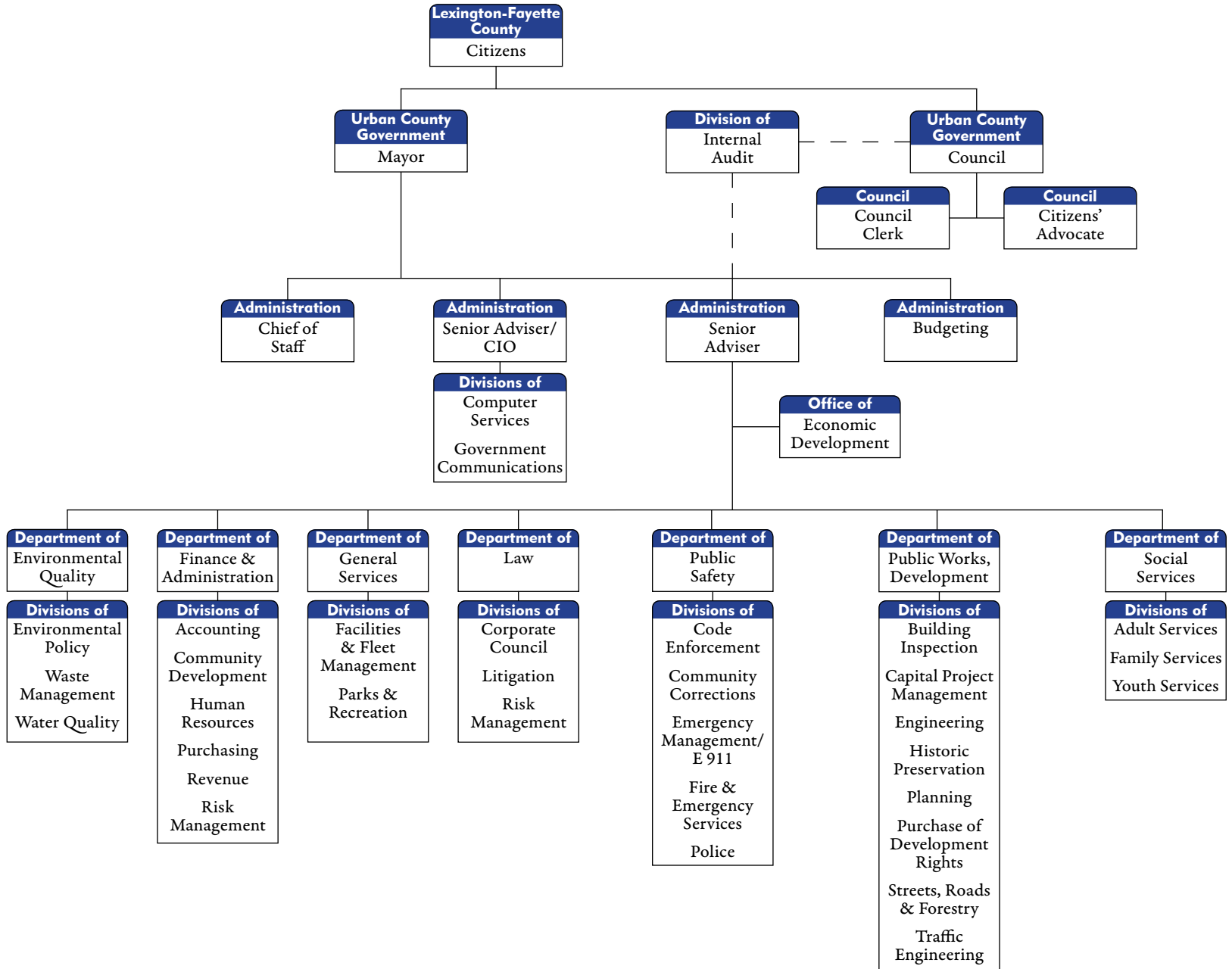
Occupation: Owner, commercial real estate services firm and affiliated publishing company

Terms: Currently in his third two-year term

Committees: Vice chair, Budget & Finance Committee; Services Committee

Neighborhood associations: Athens, Bainbridge Condo, Boone Creek, Briar Hill, Charleston Woods, Chilesburg Maintenance, Creekside at Andover, Cumberland Hill, DeLong, East Point Office Condominium, Ellerslie at DeLong, Fayette County Farm Bureau, Gardens of Hartland, Gleneagles, Greenbriar, Greendale, Hartland Estates, Hartland, Hume Road, Jimtown, Keene Road/Military Pike, Lancaster Woods, Meadow Creek, Old Richmond Road, Pinnacle, Rosalie Road, Russell Cave, South Elkhorn, Sprindletop Community, Tanbark, Tateswood, Todds Station, Uttingertown

Organizational Chart



Departments and Services

Accounting

The Division of Accounting maintains general accounting systems, prepares budget reports and is responsible for paying all invoices. It is in the Department of Finance & Administration.

Adult & Tenant Services

The Division of Adult and Tenant Services offers financial and social services and case management to people 18 and older who live in Fayette County. It is part of the Department of Social Services.

Aging Services

Aging Services establishes programs to meet the needs of senior citizens. It is part of the Department of Social Services.

Budgeting

Acting Senior Adviser: Mary Fister

12th floor Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Division of Budgeting prepares annual operating and capital improvement budgets, provides periodic reviews of various budgets and conducts studies and long-range forecasts.

Building Inspection

The Division of Building Inspection issues permits for any structure that is built, moved, added to or structurally altered. It also issues permits to wreck, shore, raze or move a building and for new or replacement heating, ventilation and air-conditioning systems. It is in the Department of Public Works.

Cardinal Valley Center

The Center works to bridge cultural gaps among neighbors and to empower people to live independently with the ultimate goal of creating a stronger, healthier community.

Chief Information Officer

Chief Information Officer: Rama Dhuwaraha
Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Office of the Chief Information Officer's mission is to provide information technology and communications leadership that advances the departments of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, improves management effectiveness, and delivers superior results to the employees and Fayette County citizens. It includes the divisions of Computer Services, Government Communications and the GIS services.

Citizens' Advocate

The Citizens' Advocate is Lexington's ombudsman. It receives and investigates complaints from residents concerning the administration or delivery of government services and suggests solutions or recommends changes to improve the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The office is located on the first floor of the Government Center.

Code Enforcement

The Division of Code Enforcement is the unit of government that deals with properties and property owners on a day-to-day basis to ensure that minimum maintenance and repair standards for all existing structures throughout the community are met. Division staff ensure that residential and commercial structures are maintained to the minimum standards set forth in the International Property Maintenance Code. The division is part of the Department of Public Safety. To make an inquiry or complaint about a property, call LexCall 3-1-1.

Community Corrections

The Division of Community Corrections provides for the care, custody and supervision of people arrested in Fayette County. It operates the Fayette County Detention Center at 600 Old Frankfort Circle. Business office hours are Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Community Development

The Division of Community Development plans and manages city grants and works with the public and private sectors to prepare grant applications to submit to state and federal agencies. It also provides information on first-time homeownership programs funded through the government.

Computer Services

The Division of Computer Services provides mainframe and microcomputer support, database development and information services to divisions of the Urban County Government and some outside agencies.

Council Clerk's Office

The Council Clerk's Office is the official record-keeping office of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government. The Clerk's Office is charged with the recording and management of documents relating to the official actions of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, including Council dockets, minutes, ordinances, resolutions, contracts, leases, and deeds. The office also prepares the docket for official meetings of the Urban County Council, issues certified copies of official records, publishes all ordinances and resolutions in the newspaper, posts public notices of official Council meetings, records the minutes of all official Council meetings, administers the oath of office for government positions, boards and commissions, is secretary of the City Employees Pension Fund Board, handles the records for the Ethics Commission, and manages the Records Center and Archives.

Economic Development

The coming years provide critical opportunities to move Lexington forward as a globally competitive and vibrant economic center. Lexington has a diverse economy and will work to maintain that diversity. The city must be intentional in its efforts to offer economic opportunities that can provide challenging and rewarding jobs for years to come and build on strengths and strengthen weaknesses. Jim Newberry's vision for growing the city's economy is to focus efforts in our horses, health care and high-tech industries.

Emergency Management

The Division of Emergency Management's mission is to enhance the public safety of Lexington-Fayette County residents and businesses through emergency preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. It is a division of the Department of Public Safety.

Engineering

The Division of Engineering provides for the public works infrastructure needs of Fayette County, through the design, review, construction and inspection of stormwater, wastewater, and roadway facilities. It is part of the Department of Public Works.

Enhanced 9-1-1

If you have an emergency, you can contact emergency personnel any time day or night by simple dialing "9-1-1" from a residential, business, public pay phone or mobile phone within Fayette County. Communications officers or "call takers" will answer your 9-1-1 call as quickly as it is received. They will first determine the nature of the problem and inquire if you need the police, fire or medical personnel to respond.

Environmental Quality

Commissioner: Cheryl Taylor

9th floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Department of Environmental Quality was created in July 2007 as part of a major reorganization to allow the LFUCG to be the best possible stewards of our environment. The department contains the Division of Environmental Policy, the Division of Waste Management, and the Division of Water Quality. The Department was created by assigning employees from existing divisions — including Engineering, Planning, Risk Management, and Environmental and Emergency Management — to the new department as well as all of the employees in the former Division of Sanitary Sewers and the Division of Solid Waste. Department services include providing solid waste collection and disposal, recycling, yard waste, and sanitary sewer services to the community. The department also has assumed primary responsibility for storm water management and storm water quality, compliance with environmental regulations, and sustainability efforts to include greening up the LFUCG.

Family Services

The Division of Family Services helps families become self-sufficient. It is funded through a combination of local, state and federal government funds, as well as through private dollars. It is part of the Department of Social Services.

Finance & Administration

Acting Commissioner: Bill O'Mara
Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Department of Finance & Administration strives to ensure that the Government's financial resources are collected, invested and distributed in a fiscally responsible manner, provides financial fiscal oversight by reviewing operations and preparing monthly, quarterly, or annual reports and provides support services to other departments and government programs. This department includes the divisions of Accounting, Community Development, Human Resources, Purchasing, Risk Management, and Revenue.

Fire & Emergency Services

Chief: Robert Hendricks
219 East Third Street

The Division of Fire and Emergency Services handles fire and first aid calls in Fayette County, rescue operations, hazardous material calls and toxic chemical spills.

General Services

Commissioner: Kimra Cole
Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Commissioner's Office of General Services is directly responsible for the government's telecommunications, utilities, parking and security. Additionally, the commissioner of General Services oversees the divisions of Facilities and Fleet Management and Parks & Recreation.

Government Communications

The Division of Government Communications prepares and distributes information about the city in a variety of ways to the media and to citizens directly including via LexCall, GTV3, and the city's Web site.

GIS

The Division of Geographic Information Services provides mapping data about Fayette County to divisions of government, to Fayette County businesses and to citizens. It is in the Office of the CIO.

Historic Preservation

Historic Preservation provides staff support to the Historic Preservation Commission and the Board of Architectural Review.

Human Resources

The Division of Human Resources handles hirings, benefits, insurance, awards, classification and compensation, disciplinary codes, payroll and records, internships, and Civil Service program for the Urban County Government. It is in the Department of Finance & Administration.

Internal Audit

Internal auditor: Bruce Sahli
10th Floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Office of Internal Audit provides independent, objective assurance and consulting services designed to add value and improve the Urban County Government's operations.

Law

Commissioner: Logan Askew
Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Department of Law prepares all ordinances, resolutions, contracts, deeds, and other legal documents for the Urban County Government and its related agencies; represents the city in federal and state court and before administrative bodies like the Public Service Commission. The Claims Management section administers insurance programs, including the UCG's self-insured property and casualty insurance plans, and is responsible for claims administration, contract review, placement of excess coverage and ensuring adequate funding for payment of claims.

LexCall 3-1-1

LexCall 3-1-1 is the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's centralized service and information contact center, your one call for city hall. Office hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday. Just dial 3-1-1 or (859) 425-2255 (425-CALL). You can use LexCall to make a service request, track a service request, search for information, ask questions or make comments.

LexLinc

LexLinc exists to empower Lexington's underserved neighborhoods and families by connecting people and organizations while mobilizing leadership across all community levels. It is a partnership among local citizens, the Department of Social Services of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, and the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services.

Purchase of Development Rights

The goal of PDR is to preserve Fayette County's signature agriculture, equine and tourism industries by conserving 50,000 acres of farmland out of 128,000 acres in the Rural Service Area. It is part of the Department of Public Works and Development.

Parks & Recreation

The Division of Parks & Recreation operates 105 parks consisting of more than 4,500 acres and greenspace with five golf courses, six community centers, and 10 aquatic facilities. The division also offers recreational programs, and maintains 300 other properties that range from medians and parkways to retention basins and undeveloped land.

Planning

The Division of Planning provides overall growth management framework to guide and shape the community's growth and development. It is part of the Department of Public Works and Development.

Police

Chief: Ronnie Bastin
150 East Main Street

The Lexington Division of Police's primary responsibilities are law enforcement, public protection and traffic safety. In an emergency, call 9-1-1. For other services, call (859) 258-3600. Administrative offices are open Monday–Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Public Safety

Commissioner: Tim Bennett
3rd floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The mission of the Department of Public Safety is to enhance the quality of life in the Lexington-Fayette Urban County by working cooperatively with the public within the framework of law. It includes the Divisions of Police, Fire & Emergency Services, Code Enforcement, Community Corrections, and Emergency Management/E9-1-1.

Public Works, Development

Commissioner: Mike Webb
9th Floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The mission of the Department of Public Works and Development is to direct and support its divisions as they provide dedicated services in a timely and courteous manner. The divisions are Building Inspection, Engineering, Historic Preservation, PDR (Purchase of Development Rights), Planning, and Streets, Roads and Forestry.

Purchasing

The Division of Purchasing handles major purchases for the city; equipment inventories; surplus property sales and dispositions. It is in the Department of Finance & Administration.

Revenue

The Division of Revenue is responsible for the collection of income, revenues, and monies due the city. It is in the Department of Finance & Administration.

Risk Management

The Division of Risk Management provides the Urban County Government with services that protect their productive resources, reduce their risk costs and promote their image among citizens and visitors to Lexington. It is in the Department of Finance & Administration.

Social Services

Commissioner: Marlene Helm

3rd Floor, Government Center, 200 East Main Street

The Department of Social Services has three divisions: Adult and Tenant Services, Family Services and Youth Services. It also includes a Senior Citizens Center, LexLinc and other programs that provide a broad array of services, including utility and relocation assistance, language interpretation, medical and dental care for teenage mothers and their young children and families, preschool and childcare, summer youth employment opportunities, as well as a host of other youth programs and adolescent support services.

Streets, Roads & Forestry

The Division of Streets, Roads and Forestry is responsible for all roads in Fayette County, except those that are part of the state and federal highway system. The division also oversees the city's forestry program. The division is part of the Department of Public Works and Development.

Traffic Engineering

The Division of Traffic Engineering operates and maintains the city's computerized traffic signal system and oversees the installation of signs and pavement markings. It is part of the Department of Public Works and Development.

Waste Management

The Division of Waste Management, formerly Solid Waste, provides curbside garbage collection to some 80,000 households and businesses in Fayette County. Refuse, yard waste, and recycling items are collected once a week.

Water Quality

The Division of Water Quality, formerly Sanitary Sewers, operates and maintains the city-owned sanitary sewers system, which includes 72 pump stations, almost 1,400 miles of sewer line and two large sewage treatment plants.

Youth Services

The Division of Youth Services offers specialized programs to help Lexington youths and their families. The programs try to support and strengthen family life, assist with family crisis and prevent family breakdown. It is part of the Department of Social Services.

Courts in Fayette County

Fayette Circuit Court
120 North Limestone Street

Circuit Court Clerk
Wilma Fields Lynch
(859) 246-2133

Civil Division
(859) 246-2141

Criminal Division
(859) 246-2224

Appeals
(859) 246-2147

Fayette District Court
150 North Limestone Street

Civil
(859) 246-2240

Criminal
(859) 246-2228

Domestic Violence
(859) 246-2248

Small Claims
(859) 246-2244

Traffic
(859) 246-2228

Other Community Agencies

Animal Control (Lexington Humane Society)
1600 Old Frankfort Pike
(859) 255-9033
(859) 233-0044

Bluegrass Airport
4000 Versailles Road
(859) 425-3100 (Administration)
(859) 425-3114 (Information)

Board of Elections
162 East Main Street, Room 131
(859) 259-0182
(859) 254-6276

Chamber of Commerce
330 East Main Street & Rose Street
(859) 254-4447

Community Action Council
710 West High Street
(859) 233-4600

Downtown Development
Phoenix Building
101 East Vine Street
(859) 425-2296

Downtown Lexington Corp.
Phoenix Building
101 East Vine Street
(859) 231-7335

Driver License Renewal

Fayette County Clerk's Office
162 East Main Street
(859) 246-2151
2519 Regency Road
(859) 246-2106

Fayette County Public Schools

701 East Main Street
(859) 381-4100

Fayette County Health Department

650 Newtown Pike
(859) 252-2371

Fayette County Sheriff

150 North Limestone
(859) 252-1771

Kentucky Horse Park

4089 Iron Works Pike
(859) 233-4303

Human Rights Commission

162 East Main Street, Suite 226
(859) 252-4931
(859) 252-0071

Housing Authority

300 West New Circle Road
(859) 281-5060

LEXTRAN

109 West Loudon Avenue
(859) 253-4636 (Route Information)
(859) 255-7756 (Administration)

LexPark

114 North Upper Street
(859) 231-7275

Lexington Public Library Central Library

140 East Main Street
(859) 231-5500

Eagle Creek Branch

101 North Eagle Creek Drive
(859) 231-5560

Tates Creek Branch

3628 Walden Drive
(859) 231-5580

Northside Branch

1737 Russell Cave Road
(859) 231-5590

Beaumont Branch

3080 Fieldstone Way
(859) 231-5570

Village Branch

2185 Versailles Road
(859) 231-5575

Lexington

Convention & Visitor's Bureau

301 East Vine Street
(859) 233-1221

United Way 2-1-1

2480 Fortune Drive, Suite 250
(859) 313-5465

Voter Registration

Fayette County Clerk's office
162 East Main Street
(859) 255-8683

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