

Good Neighbor Ordinances – Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

You can receive the complete Better Neighbor booklet by calling 258-3012. Excerpts from this booklet pertaining to our neighborhood are listed below.

On the Internet

The Urban County Government's address on the internet is <http://www.lfucg.com>. This site outlines the basic functions of the divisions of government and provides information on taxes, recreation & entertainment.

Garbage, Trash & Recycling

Garbage & Trash – Herbies (trash) & Rosies (recycling) should be rolled to the curb no earlier than 7:00 p.m. on the evening before scheduled collection. They must be removed from the curb by 7:00 p.m. on the day of collection. Collection Days: Herbies (Mondays and Thursdays); Rosies & Lennies (Thursdays). Overflow garbage, furniture, and other large items are picked up on the second collection day each week (Thursdays).

[Section 16-8; 16-10]. Division of Solid Waste 258-3470
Yard Waste – is collected in Lennies (Yard Waste Carts) or in the bags provided. Yard waste bags should be left on the curb the same times as the carts.

Construction Landfill – LFUCG Construction Demolition landfill on Hedger Lane, off Haley Pike – 299-5715

Appliances – Large appliances will be picked up for recycling only when you arrange a special pick-up by calling the Division of Solid Waste at 258-3470.

Recycling – There is no charge to participate in the Rosie recycling program. Division of Solid Waste 258-3470

Christmas Tree Recycling – Christmas trees are picked up on scheduled days each year. Trees must be stripped of stands, lights, tinsel, and ornaments and left on the curb the evening before the scheduled pickup days. The trees are eventually ground into mulch, which is made available to citizens FREE of charge, while supplies last. Call 258-3450 for more information.

Nuisances

Nuisances are defined as:

- **Weeds or grass taller than 12 inches.
- **Trash, garbage, building debris, discarded or unused objects or similar materials stored or kept on property.
- **Any wrecked, junked, partially dismantled or otherwise non-operating motor vehicle, or any motor vehicle not properly licensed if it has remained on the property longer than 10 days & is readily visible from surrounding property.
- **Any basement or cellar that is not kept dry and well aired and free from standing water, noxious vapors and smells.

**Water which is directed or discharged across a public street or sidewalk.

**Furniture that is upholstered, or not designed for outdoor use, that is used or stored in an uncovered or exposed area.

Violators of the nuisance ordinances are subject to citation and fines of \$10 to \$500 per day. The Division of Code Enforcement handles nuisance abatement - 258-3270.

Noise – ordinance prohibits any sound that annoys or disturbs a reasonable person of normal sensitivities [Section 14-70 to 14-80]. Noise disturbances should be reported to the Division of Police at 258-3600.

Noise disturbances on or across a public right-of-way or public place are prohibited at all times and specific noise disturbances are prohibited if they cross the boundaries of your residence, such as:

**Power tools, including lawn mowers, between 11p.m. and 7 a.m. any day and before 9 a.m. on Saturday & Sunday.

**Loudspeakers, public address systems, powered model vehicles, miscellaneous noises (loading or handling boxes, crates, building materials, etc.) between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m.

**Music by radio, TV, musical instruments or similar devices at any time if it creates a noise disturbance. This includes a motor vehicle stereo or similar device so loud that it creates a continuous noise disturbance 50 ft. away, on a public right-of-way or public space.

**Repairing, testing or operating a motor vehicle, motorcycle, motorbike, or motorboat, anytime

**Barking dogs, anytime

Parking

Blocking Driveways – Parking in front of a public or private driveway is prohibited [Section 18-119]. Violations of this ordinance are handled by the police – 258-3600

Parking on Sidewalks or in Yards – It is unlawful to park any vehicle on the sidewalk, utility strip or other area designated for pedestrian use. It is also unlawful to park in the front or side yard of a corner lot except on an approved residential driveway. [Section 18-129]

Large Vehicles – may not be parked on residential streets for longer than 2 hours except when loading or unloading. One exception is a recreational vehicle, which may be parked for 24 hours on a residential street while the heating & cooling system is being prepared for use. Out-of-county visitors may also park recreational vehicles for 24 hours on a residential street if they obtain a visitor's permit from the Division of Police [Section 18-129]

Pets

Barking Dogs – It is unlawful to have a dog whose barking or yelping creates a noise disturbance across the boundaries of your residence. [Section 14-72] – Fines \$25 to \$500. Violations handled by the Division of Police 258-3600

Dog Litter – Owners should not allow dogs to deposit dropping in public places or on the property of others [Section 4-23]. When you walk your dog, take something to clean up after it. Make sure to clean up your dog's droppings in your own yard too, so they don't accumulate & create a health hazard [Section 4-12 & 11-6]. Never dispose of dog litter in a creek or storm sewer.

Leash Law – Dogs must be confined behind a fence or otherwise securely restrained while on the owner's property. A dog may be kept unleashed & unconfined on the owner's property only if the owner is present with the animal & the dog is under the owner's direct control & supervision [Section 4-19] – Fines \$10 to \$50 for each offense. Dogs may run off the leash only in *certain marked areas* of Masterson Station & Jacobson parks.

Vicious Dogs – [Section 4-14] It is unlawful to keep a vicious dog unless it is securely confined indoors or in a locked outdoor pen suitable to prevent the entry of children. The pen must be 5x10' & have secure sides & top. A vicious dog must wear a vicious dog collar at all times. Violation fines \$200 to \$500. Violations should be reported to Animal Control Officer 233-0044. Definition of a "vicious dog" is detailed in the Good Neighbor booklet.

Dangerous or Wild Animals – It is unlawful to keep dangerous or wild animals in any area of the County [Section 4-11.1].

Sidewalks & Safety

A sidewalk is a public right-of-way, but the owner or occupant of the adjoining property is responsible to maintain it.

Road or Sidewalk Obstruction – Unlawful to allow any tree, bush, other vegetation & items like basketball goals to obstruct the view of a street or passage on a sidewalk [Section 16-30].

Sidewalk Repairs – The owner of real estate adjoining any sidewalk is responsible for replacing defective sections of the sidewalk using material similar to that used in the existing construction. [Section 17-147]

Snow & Ice Removal – When it snows, the owner or occupant of a property with sidewalks is responsible for clearing them [Section 17-31]. All snow should be removed within four (4) hours after daylight and after the snow has stopped falling. Ice must also be removed or covered with sand, salt, or another suitable substance. Violators of this ordinance are subject to fines of \$5 to \$100 a day.

Property Tips

Property Maintenance – All property must be maintained to ensure that it is safe & habitable & not detrimental to the property of others or the property values of the neighborhood. This code is enforced by the Division of Code Enforcement [Section 12-1], 258-3270.

Dead trees on private property that are in danger of falling & blocking a creek or roadway – or damaging a neighbor's property – should be removed by the property owner.

Street Trees – A street tree is a tree that is planted within a public right-of-way, such as the strip between the sidewalk & curb. The property owner or occupant is responsible for maintaining street trees & may not allow them to interfere with the sidewalk or obstruct the view or passage on the sidewalk or street [Section 17B-8].

A permit must be obtained from the Division of Parks & Recreation (288-2900) before a street tree may be planted & before any street tree larger than 3" in diameter may be removed [Section 17B-2 & 17B-3]. Street trees that are removed by the property owner because of damage or disease must be replaced & fallen trees must be removed by the property owner.

Yard Sales – A permit is not required to have a yard sale, but residents may have no more than two (2) yard sales per year, each lasting no more than 3 consecutive days. Only one yard sale sign may be posted in the yard, & it must be removed immediately after the sale. No signs are allowed on the public right-of-way. For additional information, call 258-3770 (Division of Building Inspection)

Building Permits – A permit from the Division of Building Inspection is required before a structure may be built, moved, added to or structurally altered. A permit is also needed for installation of a swimming pool, construction of a driveway or fence, or major remodeling of a home. Before issuing a permit, the Division of Building Inspection will review the plans to make sure they conform to the zoning ordinance & building code [Zoning Ordinance, Article 5]. Call the division (258-3770) to find out if you need a permit *before* you begin any home improvement project.

Underground utilities should always be located before any digging is done. By calling Kentucky Underground Protection at 1-800-752-6007, notification will be given to AT&T, Columbia Gas, GTE, TCE & Sanitary Sewers. You will need to call Kentucky Utilities (278-9355) and Kentucky American Water Company (268-6363) as well.

Downspouts & Sump Pumps – Water from downspouts & sump pumps should be discharged so that it does not cause an ice hazard on streets or sidewalks or a flooding problem for neighboring properties. No storm water, roof run-off, subsurface drainage or sump pump should ever be connected to the sanitary sewer system in Fayette County [Section 16-42]. Violation fines up to \$500