

DRAFT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION PROMOTING OPEN AND TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT AND OPEN DATA AND DIRECTING THE LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO: DEVELOP AGREEMENTS WITH REGIONAL PARTNERS TO PUBLISH AND MAINTAIN PUBLIC DATA SETS THAT ARE OPEN AND FREELY AVAILABLE; DEVELOP A STRATEGY TO ADOPT PREVAILING OPEN STANDARDS FOR DATA, DOCUMENTS, MAPS AND OTHER FORMATS OF MEDIA; AND ORGANIZE REGIONAL CONTEST(S) TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS TO COLLECT, ORGANIZE AND SHARE PUBLIC DATA.

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is committed to engaging the community by working with citizens and soliciting their ideas, input and creative energy; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government is committed to using technology to foster open, transparent and accessible government; and

WHEREAS, by sharing data freely, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government seeks to develop opportunities for economic development, commerce, increased investment and civic engagement for citizens of Lexington and the surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, publishing structured standardized data in machine readable formats creates new opportunities for information from different sources to be combined and visualized in new and unexpected ways, for niche markets to be identified and developed, and for citizens to browse, interpret and draw attention to trends or issues with greater efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of open standards improves transparency, access to public information and improved coordination and efficiencies among agencies and partner organizations across the public, non-profit and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government seeks to encourage the local software community to develop software applications and tools to collect, organize and share public data in new and innovative ways; and

WHEREAS, software applications and tools that enable citizens to access, visualize and analyze public information will promote greater civic engagement and encourage citizens to provide feedback on local issues.

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

Section 1 – That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government endorses the principles of transparency, civic engagement and innovation through open and accessible data, and for this purpose, the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government will: (1) freely share with citizens, businesses and other jurisdictions the greatest amount of data possible while respecting privacy and security concerns; and (2) move as quickly as possible to adopt prevailing open standards for data, documents, maps and other formats of media.

Section 2 – That the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government be and hereby is directed to:

- (a) develop agreements with regional partners to publish and maintain public data sets that are open and freely available while respecting privacy and security concerns;
- (b) develop a strategy to adopt prevailing open standards for data, documents, maps and other formats of media; and
- (c) organize regional contest(s) to encourage the development of software applications to collect, organize and share public data.

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

PASSED URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL:

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CLERK OF URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLISHED: