

# Fair and Affordable Housing for All



Greetings!

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## Kentucky Supreme Court Says All Evictions Allowed as of August 1st as Governor Beshear Announces New Measures to Try and Bring Down Spread of COVID-19

The Kentucky Supreme Court in [Administrative Order 2020-56](#) has removed the moratorium on evictions for non-payment of rent which will lead to over 20,000 eviction filings in Jefferson County. This was done just as Governor Beshear is announcing new stricter measures to bring down the COVID -19 infection rate.

The Kentucky Supreme Court has thrown out the idea of protecting children - whether it is allowing the closure of Family Courts to the opening up of massive evictions of families. Write Chief Justice

John Minton at [courtstipline@kycourts.net](mailto:courtstipline@kycourts.net) to express your disgust with his decision to endanger children.

Of course now we have the answer to whether the courts are racist and sexist as in Jefferson County the areas that have the greatest numbers of evictions filed are in segregated black neighborhoods and in all neighborhoods with large percentages of female-headed households with children.

More to follow...

## LG&E Suspends Disconnections and Waives Some Late Fees Until September 1, 2020

- Disconnections for non-payment are suspended until at least September 1, 2020, so pay what you can - we will help set up payment arrangements for you, or you can make partial



## MHC needs YOU!

Your membership advances safe, fair, and affordable housing for our community!

*Join MHC or Renew Your Membership Today!*

Each new member and every donation makes possible MHC's critical work for our community.

Become a recurring monthly donor for as little as \$1 per month to provide ongoing support of MHC's work or consider gift to MHC in the name of a loved one.

Contact Tony Curtis at [tony@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:tony@metropolitanhousing.org)

or  
502 584-6858 regarding donations & gifts.

To make an online donation, visit us on the web at [www.metropolitanhousing.org](http://www.metropolitanhousing.org)

or  
Mail your donation to:  
Metropolitan Housing Coalition  
P.O. Box 4533  
Louisville, KY 40204-4533

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payments without fear of disconnection.

- New late fees waived until at least September 1, 2020, so late fees won't be accumulating and adding to your bill

## Scan the QR Code to Become a Coalition Member Today!



## Support Fair and Affordable Housing Advocacy!

Did you know that MHC is a coalition of approximately 300 individual and organizational members?

## Support the Land Development Code Reform for Equity

by Cathy Hinko  
MHC Executive Director

There is a strong effort, through the Metro Council Committee on Equity and Inclusion, and with the groundwork of the Louisville Metro Department of Planning and Design, to REFORM the current Land Development Code (LDC). The LDC is decades old and rooted in segregation and exclusion. While "tweaks" have occurred, its original racial animus is very alive.

HECK, WHY DO YOU THINK WE REMAIN SO SEGREGATED? The LDC is one of the main reasons, along with redlining on loans, real estate practices, and limitations on land use through insidious deed restrictions.

There can be all kinds of talk of equity, but the LDC says, plot by plot, WHO is allowed to live in an area, not just the use of the land. The LDC should say that in residential areas there should not be a hog farm or a concrete factory, but our LDC goes further to carefully rule on exactly which people are allowed- only the "right kind" can move into the area.

It is time for reform of the LDC for equity and inclusion. You can help make that happen. The Committee and all of Metro Council need to charge the Planning Commission to start this process.

**STEP 1** - contact your Councilmember and ask them to instruct the Planning Commission to begin this reform process.

**STEP 2** - keep up with what is happening at the Planning Commission level by following MHC and the Department of Planning and Design.

**STEP 3** - review the "diagnosis" of the inequities so you can be familiar with them. Here is the link to that document:

Community Calendar  
**Monthly Virtual Meeting  
Links Will Be Sent Out  
Monthly on Each Groups  
Email List**

**Fair Housing Coalition**  
meets at 2:00 P.M.  
on the 2nd Tuesday of each  
month at New Directions,  
1615 Maple St.

**Louisville Vacant Property  
Campaign**  
meets at 5:30 P.M.  
on the 3rd Tuesday of each  
month at the  
Western Library  
604 South Tenth Street

**Do you have an event for  
the Community Calendar?**

Email Tony Curtis at  
[tony@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:tony@metropolitanhousing.org)

Here is more information about this effort. MHC will arrange a webinar on this - the terms used can be easily explained.

First of all THANK YOU to all who participated in the process of updating our Comprehensive Plan so that the 20 year plan on the built environment includes principles of equity and inclusion. It specifically includes them for housing. Imagine! This had never been in prior plans. The Comprehensive Plan gives power to get the reform done, so those long winter evenings at meetings had a big payoff.

Taking up the new charge, the Department of Planning and Design hired a company to do an analysis-or a "diagnosis" of the current LDC, so we could focus the reform effort. That is the link above.

The eight issues identified are (and do not be put off by these terms, they are explained more in the document) :

- The LDC is overly complex because of a two-tiered system- zoning AND form
- Land Use Tables are long and complex and can be consolidated with clear definitions
- Standards limit delivery of housing choices- densities are too low and lot sizes too big
- Intended/desired form is not clear- too hazy on what is supposed to happen
- The LDC makes it too easy to opt out of the standards
- Parking is a barrier to development in traditional places
- Too much land is zoned single-family in county- 75% of Jefferson County is restricted to single-family residential making it expensive
- The Comprehensive Plan does not identify where diverse housing should be prioritized

We need to reform the LDC to be intentional in being inclusive.

Here is the link to the full LDC Reform website: <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/land-development-code-reform>

## Upcoming MHC Webinar:

### **Rent Assistance Programs Available in Louisville: What They Are, How They Work, and How to Access Them as a Landlord or Tenant**

The Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) is hosting a **FREE** remote webinar session (via Zoom) on **Thursday, July 30th at 5PM** entitled "Rent Assistance Programs Available in Louisville: What They Are, How They Work, and How to Access Them as a Landlord or Tenant".

#### **Registration Link:**

[https://zoom.us/webinar/register/1415955319900/WN\\_4JZsu3R2QkaLVb2x2X8MSg](https://zoom.us/webinar/register/1415955319900/WN_4JZsu3R2QkaLVb2x2X8MSg)

#### **Description:**

You are invited to the free remote session on all the major rent assistance programs available. Learn what they are, what they do, can they be combined, what are the benefits and limitations, and how to access them. Find out the funding source. Find out how much money and the number of months of assistance.

Some programs are accessed by landlords, some are accessed by tenants - find out how to get assistance in rent. Landlords will understand what their commitment is in exchange for the assistance.

Register for this free event and you will be sent the link to join the program.

Moderator:

**Jeana Dunlap**

Community Investment Specialist at the Louisville Coordinated Community Investment (LCCI)  
Project  
2020 Bingham Fellow  
2019 Harvard Loeb Fellow

Presenters:

**Marilyn Harris**

Director of the Louisville Metro Office of Housing

**Clare Rutz Wallace**

Director of South Louisville Community Ministries

**Robin Bray**

Landlord, Investor, and Realtor  
Vice-chair of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition Board



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## **MHC's Board of Directors Opens Search for the Next Executive Director of MHC**

The Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Housing Coalition (MHC) is soliciting resumes and cover letters for candidates to serve as the next Executive Director for MHC. The attached job description/posting outlines the requirements and skills we are seeking. All applications will be reviewed by a board led committee and those candidates most suited will be contacted for a phone interview. All interested parties should submit their application materials to:

[info@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:info@metropolitanhousing.org).

Click [HERE](#) to access the full job description.



**SUPPORT MHC!**

**September 17, 2020**

Give For Good Louisville

Four ways YOU can PARTICIPATE and SUPPORT MHC:

- 1 DONATE** between midnight and 11:59PM on September 17, 2020.
- 2 SIGN UP** as a Peer-to-Peer Fundraiser for MHC. CONTACT MHC Development Director Tony Curtis at [tony@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:tony@metropolitanhousing.org) to setup your page.
- 3 SHARE** the MHC Give For Good Louisville page link with your social media and e-mail networks. Tag [@mhclouisville](https://twitter.com/mhclouisville) in your social media post and use the hashtag [#GiveForGoodLou](https://twitter.com/hashtag/GiveForGoodLou).
- 4 SETUP** a 1:1 MATCHING GIFT for MHC. Contact Tony at [tony@metropolitanhousing.org](mailto:tony@metropolitanhousing.org) for more information.

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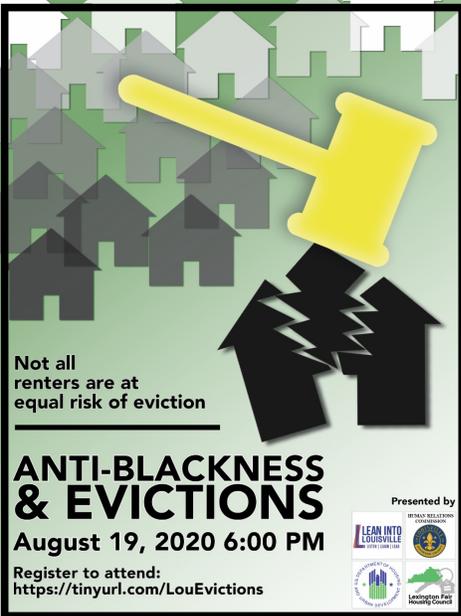
Thank you for your continued support of MHC!

"Anti-Blackness & Evictions"

Wednesday, August 19th  
6:00PM

Registration Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/LouEvictions>



Not all renters are at equal risk of eviction

**ANTI-BLACKNESS & EVICTIONS**

August 19, 2020 6:00 PM

Register to attend:  
<https://tinyurl.com/LouEvictions>

Presented by

CLEAN INTO LOUISVILLE  
OF THE LOUISIANA  
LEWISTON Fair Housing Council

The poster features a background of stylized houses in various shades of green and grey. A large yellow gavel is positioned over the houses, with a black arrow pointing upwards from the gavel's base towards the houses. The text is arranged in a clear, bold font, with the event title and date prominently displayed. Logos for 'CLEAN INTO LOUISVILLE' and 'LEWISTON Fair Housing Council' are located in the bottom right corner.

The threat of eviction is something that consistently looms over all renters. But for Black renters, that threat is not only more pronounced but is also more likely to become a reality than for white people and non-Black people of color.

Join us for this discussion about the racialization of evictions in Louisville.

**Panelists:**

Shemaeka Shaw  
Broken Hearted Homes Renters Association

Josh Poe  
Root Cause Research Center

Soha Saiyed  
ACLU Kentucky

**Moderator:**

Kendall Boyd  
Louisville Metro Human Relations Commission

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Lexington Fair Housing Council

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- (1) Go to [www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com](http://www.KrogerCommunityRewards.com).
- (2) Look for "I'm a Customer" and click "View Details."
- (3) Sign in with your existing Kroger account, or create a new account.
- (4) Enter the code BA764 in the "Find an Organization" search box - click "Search."
- (5) When Metropolitan Housing Coalition pops up, simply click "Enroll."

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- (2) From your desktop, go to Your Account from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to Change your Charity. Or, from your mobile browser, select Change your Charity from the options at the bottom of the page.
- (3) Search "Metropolitan Housing Coalition" and click "Select" to support.



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