



Land Development Code: A legal bar to choice

The Land Development Code (LDC) is a law that dictates what can be done with a parcel of land; it is commonly known as zoning. MHC reports have shown the link between the LDC and segregation. The LDC is currently under review by the city and MHC has participated in the review as part of the Fair and Affordable Housing Sub-Committee with the goal of tearing down barriers to fair housing choice.

MHC has shown the link between fair housing and providing affordable housing opportunities (*State of Fair Housing Report*, published in 2010). As we look at the LDC, we see that vast amounts of land in eastern Jefferson County exclude affordable housing tools such as multi-family housing or smaller lot sizes. Not surprisingly, these are also areas of great segregation favoring White households. Areas with smaller lot sizes and multi-family housing permitted are usually areas with higher numbers of households that are Black, female-headed with children, and persons with a disability. The data clearly shows that there is segregation in our community; it is indisputable. If we want see more integration over the next ten years, we must change our policies or admit that we agree with segregation and do not want it to end.

What can you do to advance civil rights in housing? The Fair and Affordable Housing Sub-Committee of the LDC review will be making recommendations to the first level of local decision-makers in June. We will provide details of the proposals as we receive them and ask you to support passage of the recommendations. These will go through several levels of local government before going to Metro Council, who will have final say. We need your support at every level.

2013 MHC Annual Meeting "Taking Action, Creating Change"

Tuesday, June 4

Hyatt Regency Louisville

311 South 4th Street

Social Hour- 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Dinner and Presentation- 6:00 p.m.

Keynote Speaker- Attorney General Jack Conway

Join us at the 2013 Annual Meeting to hear Attorney General Conway's thoughts on strategies to respond to the mortgage foreclosure crisis and other housing issues facing the Commonwealth.

Tickets

2013 Annual Meeting tickets are \$60. Go to <http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/2013/03/14/2013annualmeeting/> to purchase tickets online. Scholarships tickets may be available. Contact MHC for more information.

Sponsorships

Sponsoring the 2012 Annual Meeting is a great way to demonstrate your commitment to our community and to fair and affordable housing.

- Foundation Sponsor – \$4,000
- Cornerstone Sponsor – \$2,500
- Keystone Sponsor – \$1,500
- Groundbreaking Sponsor – \$1,000
- Table Sponsor – \$500

Go to <http://www.metropolitanhousing.org/2013/03/14/2013annualmeeting/> to learn more about sponsorships.

Program Ads

Getting an ad in the 2012 Annual Meeting Program is another great way to demonstrate your support of MHC's work the hundreds of local community members, elected officials, affordable housing advocates, and business leaders who will be at the event.

- Full page ad- \$500
- 1/2-page ad- \$300
- 1/4-page ad- \$75

To purchase a program ad go to <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/MetropolitanHousingCoalition/OnlineDonation.html>, complete your payment information and type your "Program Ad" in the "Comments" box.

If you require further information about the event, please call MHC at 502-584-6858 or email info@metropolitanhousing.org.

Understanding Medicaid Expansion

By Regan Hunt, MPA

Over 600,000 Kentuckians have no health insurance.¹ On May 9, 2013 Kentucky became the 22nd state to accept money from the federal government to expand the Medicaid program. Expanding Medicaid will provide health insurance to people who work in jobs that do not offer health insurance or don't make enough to afford monthly premiums. This expansion includes:

- Adults ages 18 to 64 (parents, people with disabilities, and people without children)
- Adults with incomes between 100%-138% of the federal poverty level (For a single person, that is between \$11,170 and \$15,420 a year)¹

There are over 300,000 Kentuckians eligible for expanded Medicaid.¹ In Jefferson County, over 47,000 residents are eligible.

Coverage for expanded Medicaid begins January 1, 2014. Adults will apply for expanded Medicaid through kynect, the Kentucky Health Benefit Exchange portal (www.kynect.ky.gov). Kynect allows Kentuckians to discover what kind of health coverage they are eligible for through the website, a toll-free number (855-4kynect or 855-459-6328) or by speaking with someone in person in your local community.

Kentuckians (individuals, families and small businesses) will be able to use kynect to:

- compare and select health insurance plans
- find out whether they qualify for Medicaid, KCHIP or other programs
- determine if they are eligible for payment assistance to help cover cost of health coverage
- discover if they are eligible for tax credits

You can start enrolling for expanded Medicaid and other program on October 1, 2013.

Kentucky Voices for Health, a coalition of over 250 organizations and individuals working together to build a healthier Kentucky. For further information, visit www.kyvoicesforhealth.org.

¹ Health insurance coverage status by state for all People: 2011, U.S. Census Bureau

¹ Federal Register, Vol. 77, No. 17, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035

¹ How will the Medicaid expansion for adults impact eligibility and coverage?, Kaiser commission on Medicaid and the uninsured, July 2012.

Health & Housing: The Hidden Connection

In 2008, MHC released a report, *Housing Insecurity: Neighborhood conversation on health care costs*, describing the results of two focus groups that MHC conducted on the issue of health care costs and housing stability. The focus groups were included 70 people who lived or worked in the Smoketown, Shelby Park, Phoenix Hill and California neighborhoods of Louisville; Making Connections Louisville partnered with Metropolitan Housing Coalition on the project, which was sponsored by the Center for Health Equity, Louisville Metro Department of Public and Health Wellness.

MHC found that health care costs compete with housing and other basic needs in the budget of a low wage or fixed income family. For instance, none of the focus group participants had purchased an individual insurance plan; and those who did not qualify for medical assistance or who were not covered by employers were uninsured. In a prior report, *Louisville's Foreclosure Crisis*, MHC found that families in foreclosure identified health care costs as a significant factor in their foreclosures.

Since a health care crisis can substantially change the housing stability of a household, the expansion of Medicaid to include the working poor is an affordable housing issue.

Look for our reports at
www.metropolitanhousing.org.

Schedule of Events

Land Development Code and Fair and Affordable Housing

Tuesday, June 11, 2pm

Next meeting of the Fair Housing Coalition in the meeting room of New Directions Housing Corporation, 1000 E. Liberty St.

Partner Events

Friday, May 24 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

FREE Facilitator training in Cooper Clayton Method to Stop Smoking Sullivan University College of Pharmacy, 2100 Gardiner Ln. Drs. Cooper and Clayton will lead the training. For more info or to register, contact Rachelle Seger, Program Coordinator with the Kentucky Cancer Program, at 502-852-5223.

Wednesday, May 29th from 6-7:30pm

Setting up a Simple Personal Budget. Presented FREE by The Center for Accessible Living at Main Library, 301 York St., Mezzanine Level – Boardroom. Please RSVP by Monday, May 27 to Meg mdeckert@calky.org or at 502-589-6620. Please inform of any accommodations. Interpreter provided.

Thursday, May 30th 5-7PM

The ACLU of Kentucky & Indus Law Firm will host reception to launch the New Americans Initiative at Crane House, 1244 S. 3rd St. Initiative will assist eligible immigrants attain citizenship by providing support in exploring naturalization and bringing them into civic fold. Free & open to the public. Light refreshments served. Presentation at 6PM. For info contact Kate Miller at 502-581-9746 or Kate@aclu-ky.org

Thursday, May 30 2-4 p.m.

A Healthy Journey for Two Educational Baby Shower 810 Barret Neighborhood Place. Seven Counties and KIDSNow will be hosting educational baby showers to share information on how to care for yourself and your baby while being pregnant. Participants will receive a baby tote bag filled with baby items and a gas/gift card. RSVP required. Call (502) 439-4591 or e-mail jengle@sevencounties.org.

Saturday, June 1, 2013 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

Louisville Metro Department of Codes & Regulations
2nd Annual Blight Out - Brighten Up Painting Event
Volunteers will paint plywood boards to enhance the boarding of vacant structures before installation of the boards. Stop by to paint a board at 22nd & Standard, 1440 S. 22nd St, the old VET testing station. Wear your painting clothes. Brushes and paint provided, but feel free to bring your favorite brush and colors. If you are unable to volunteer on June 1st, please consider donating: paint, brushes, drop clothes, coffee, donuts, snacks, water, sodas, ice, pizzas, containers for paint distribution, and even used paint. You can also make a donation of \$30 and receive the Blight Out-Brighten Up poster printed in 2012.
For more information, contact: C. J. Fletcher, Special Events Coordinator, Metro Government at 574-3364 orcaroline.fletcher@louisvilleky.gov

June 3rd-6th 10AM-2PM

First Exceptional Scholars Career Institute Presented by the Center for Accessible Living 305 West Broadway, Ste 200 (502)589-6620. Four-day event features workshops and activities designed to help college students turn their degrees into careers. Program open to current college students and recent graduates. Lunch provided. Attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged. Students may be nominated by a career counselor, Vocational Rehabilitation counselor, or advisor on CAL's website at <http://www.calky.org/2013/01/09/cal-exceptional-scholars-career-institute-2013/>. Then, students should complete an interest survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VJ3SCGT>

Thursday, June 06, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Building Assets Workshop at 810 Barret Neighborhood Place, First Floor Conference Room. Join Fifth Third Bank and Neighborhood Place for this informative and interactive session on how to build your assets for a more secure financial future. Call (502) 574-5050 to register and get more information.

Tuesday, June 18, 10 am - 12 pm

South Louisville Job Fair at Farnsley Middle School, 3400 Lees Lane. This job fair will offer many resources for youth workers ages 14-21.
Event presented by Neighborhood Place and Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS). For more information, call: Lynn Fralick, 502.485.6826; Michelle Burgan, 502.448.9799; Elizabeth Boyd, 502.485.7135

Tuesday, June 18 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Start Fresh workshop with Bank On Louisville at Portland Promise Center, 1831 Baird St. Start Fresh workshop is for persons who have been denied new accounts due to negative (non-fraud) banking histories, and who are willing to participate in a certified financial education program. Learn the basics of bank reconciliation and how a checking account works. Completion of this program gives you an opportunity to re-enter the traditional banking system with new tools for success. To register, call 502.458.8840, ext. 1440.

Thursday, June 20th, 9am – 6pm

P.A.I.N.T. Project – Parkland Rising Community Build: Putting It All Together at Parkland Boys & Girls Club, 3200 Greenwood Avenue
Sign Up for this event at <http://parklandrising.eventbrite.com/>

June 24th-27th 10AM-1PM

CAL's Independence University Summer 2013
Moving out on your own? Want to live independently, but don't know if you can? Get a crash course in the skills and information needed to live independently and resources that can help. FREE! Ages 16 and up. Refreshments provided. Attendance at all sessions is strongly encouraged. Fill out the participant information form on CAL's website at <http://www.calky.org/2013/01/09/cal-independence-university-summer-2013/>

Wednesday, June 26, 2013 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Louisville Urban League presents 10th Annual Community Career Expo Jeffersonstown at Jeffersonstown Community Center, 10617 Taylorsville Rd. For more information contact Louisville Urban League at www.lul.org or call: (502) 566-3371

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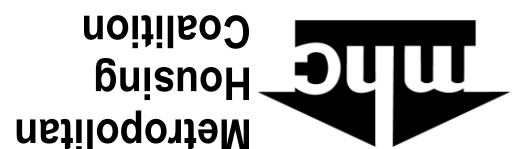
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