

Fiscal Court Appendix: April 22

Engagement Survey Design

Mailed Survey (scientific):

- Conducted using a random sample of 4,999 households across three Commission Districts, weighted by household type and district.
- Postcards with survey access were sent during the week of May 27, 2024.
- 196 responses were received (4% response rate), consistent with the 2019 survey.
- Results have a 95% confidence level and a $\pm 6.5\%$ margin of error.

Online Survey (Unscientific):

- Open to the general public from October 22 to November 30, 2024.
- Received 339 responses.

Demographics:

- Gender: Consistent with the 2022 American Community Survey (ACS).
- Age: Respondents aged 51+ were overrepresented, similar to past surveys.
- Education: "Some College" aligned with ACS and prior surveys; respondents with bachelor's degrees or higher were overrepresented.

Length and Place of Residency: In line with the 2019 survey and 2022 ACS

Waller Stephenson Mill Park Design Details

- Trails: hiking & MTB
- Athletic field
- 3-phase project
 - Phase 1 is the most expensive due to parking lot (30 spaces) and gravel
 - North Zone: 1.9 miles with entry and parking; .8 miles of hiking trails
 - 2.6 miles of hiking and MTB
- High School Zone
 - Additional 2.5 miles of trails that could be used for WVXC, MTB & hHiking
- South Zone - 4.6 miles

Costs:

- North Zone ~ \$80-120K
- South Zone ~ \$130-160K
- High School Zone ~ \$80-100K
- Presently \$100K in FY25 CIP
- Requesting \$125K in FY26 CIP
- CORA
- Two foundations help with these costs.
- Maintenance, already in the budget, is by Cincy Trail Maintenance and Trail Crew Maintenance (volunteers)
- The athletic field teams use and are paying a usage fee.

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Hazardous Material Ordinance Amendment

Summary of Ordinance 95 and Updates

Adopted in 1995 to regulate hazardous material facilities and transportation.

Covers:

- Reporting and notification requirements for hazardous material releases
- Responsibilities for remediation and reimbursement
- Ordinance enforcement
- Facility inspections

Amendments to Ordinance 95 (2020): Focused on fire code updates:

- Ensured Boone County aligns with the current fire code adopted by Kentucky
- Updated section numbering and titles for clarity
- Revised definitions for consistency with other laws
- Included indoor releases in reporting requirements
- Clarified reimbursable costs, including employee time and backfill

Current Update (Starting October 2024):

- Comprehensive review (excluding fire code sections) due to increased hazmat transport and storage
- Collaboration with Boone County Attorney's Office
- Referenced similar ordinances in Kenton, Campbell, and Jefferson Counties
- Key changes: New Section 95.13: Establishes cost-recovery process and names BCEM as sole invoicing agency
- Removed outdated Release and Control Plan requirements (covered under CERCLA/KYEM)
- Created billing schedule for cost recovery
- Added provisions for oil spills on roadways
- Improved overall clarity and readability of the ordinance

Home2 Suites Details

- Proposed four-story building (109 rooms) instead of three-story to accommodate room size needs
- Typical for extended stays (average stay: 2–7 days)
- Guests are often workers or displaced individuals due to insurance/construction issues
- Four stories chosen for cost efficiency and industry standard

Community and Planning Concerns:

- Conflict with the Future Land Use Comprehensive Plan, which designates the area for neighborhood and convenience use, not for highway travelers/extended stay hotels.
- Residents question how the Planning Commission approved the proposal despite this clear conflict.
- Criticism that the Planning Commission may not be adhering to the Comprehensive Plan, undermining its purpose.
- Concerns raised over the decision being forwarded to the Fiscal Court.
- Questions posed about the need to uphold planning boundaries and standards.