



SENATE BILL 909: Lexington UDO/Jail Com. Changes.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	House Local Government. If favorable, re- refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	June 29, 2022
Introduced by:	Sen. Jarvis	Prepared by:	Billy R. Godwin Staff Attorney
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 909 would exempt certain property from the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Lexington so long as the property is used for a public purpose and would authorize the Lexington City Council to appoint two members to the Davidson County Jail Committee.*

CURRENT LAW: Chapter 160D of the North Carolina General Statutes contains the consolidated city and county enabling statutes for land use development and include regulations for zoning, subdivisions, erosion and sedimentation control, floodplain or flood damage prevention, mountain ridge protection, stormwater control, wireless telecommunication facilities, historic preservation or landmark, or housing code regulation, State Building Code enforcement, or any other regulations adopted under Chapter 160D, local acts or municipal charters. Local governments may combine any of these regulations into a single unified ordinance (G.S.160D-103). The Davidson County Jail Committee was established by the Davidson County Board of Commissioners in January 2020.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 909 would exempt certain described property from the Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Lexington so long as the property is used for a public purpose and would authorize the Lexington City Council to appoint one City Council member and one Staff member to the Davidson County Jail Committee. The members appointed by the City would be able to participate, discuss, and vote on matters related to the façade, exterior, sidewalks, streetscapes, and plantings of the Davidson County jail, but would not participate in, discuss, or vote on building programming.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to appointments made on or after that date.

BACKGROUND: The Unified Development Ordinance of the City of Lexington contains the procedures and standards for residential, commercial, and industrial development in the city limits and impacts planning and zoning decisions.

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