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City of Lexington Filing Legal Action Against Davidson County Seeking Relocation of Confederate Monument

Mayor Newell Clark announced at a press conference today the actions City Officials are taking to have the monument removed from Uptown Lexington.

LEXINGTON, NC – On August 13, 2020, Lexington Mayor Newell Clark announced during a press conference that the City of Lexington will file legal action against Davidson County for the immediate removal of the Confederate Monument located on County owned property in the heart of Lexington.

City of Lexington officials have made multiple attempts to unite with County officials in solving the current threat to public safety related to the monument. Each of the City's attempts have been dismissed. Communications from the City to the County began in the month of June spanning three months.

On July 13, Lexington City Council issued a formal request for removal or relocation of the Confederate Monument by adopting Resolution No. 01-21. On August 6, Davidson County issued an official response denying the request.

On August 10, Lexington City Council granted direct authority to the City Attorney to take legal action as necessary against the County seeking relocation of the Confederate Monument. Proceedings for legal action begin this week.

City officials have made every attempt to collaborate with the County to no avail, while public safety and nuisance concerns persist 73 days and counting. Lexington City Council now seek necessary actions within the court system to protect the City of Lexington's interests and safety of citizens, businesses and visitors.