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Confederate Monument Timeline of Events

- **June 1** – Subsequent to peaceful demonstrations, opposing views (Anti-Statue vs. Pro-Statue) escalate in Uptown Lexington
 - Causes Lexington Police Department’s presence daily at the Davidson County owned property with the Confederate Monument
 - As safety concerns persist and escalate, monitoring of social media and multiple modes of communication take place among citizens, law enforcement, and City and County officials from this point forward
- **June 17** - Mayor initiated Zoom call
 - Included in call: State House Representative, County officials, City officials, Legal Counsel and Law Enforcement from City & County agencies
 - Purpose of call: share concerns and explore solutions
- **June 25** - Joint meeting between select County and City officials canceled by Davidson County – no meeting took place
- **June 30** - County officials authorized use of property around the monument
 - County broke established protocol by authorizing use of the property without consulting with City officials
- **July 1** – Public Safety concerns deepen
 - Authorized by Lexington City Manager, Lexington Police Chief contacts County Manager regarding seriousness of the matter
 - Lexington Police Chief facilitated a meeting that included law enforcement representatives from both agencies, which included images of the safety concerns
- **July 2** – City Manager notified County of safety concerns & Sheriff dedicates assistance
 - Lexington City Manager delivered official notification (via email) that Confederate Monument poses threat to public safety and requests Davidson County officials take immediate action under NCGS 100-2.1(c)(3)
 - Davidson County Sheriff’s Office begins dedicating law enforcement assistance (at their discretion)
- **July 7** - Lexington City Manager notified County Manager that City officials would be in attendance at the July 9 Davidson County meeting
- **July 8** - County Manager copied on email appealing to leadership and the seriousness of the state of affairs including financial concern
- **July 9** - Lexington City Manager spoke during public address at the Davidson County Board of Commissioners meeting



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- Message conveyed:
 - seriousness of public safety threat
 - advocate for business community already struggling from COVID-19
 - concern for sales tax dollars being lost to sustain City and County services due to a lack of patrons Uptown Lexington
 - extreme effect on workload and wellbeing of Lexington Police Officers
 - cost burden on taxpayers of exorbitant law enforcement overtime due to required daily presence
- **July 10** - Lexington City Manager sent official notification (via letter) to County
 - Included:
 - recount of sequence of events and communications
 - expressed polarizing intensity, dangerous rhetoric and escalation at alarming rates
 - response to County Manager's suggestion of a curfew
 - request Davidson County take immediate action to remove the Confederate Monument to restore order and protect the safety of citizens and business community
- **July 13** - Lexington City Council adopts Resolution No. 01-21 requesting Davidson County remove/relocate the Confederate Monument
- **July 24** - Lexington City Attorney sent official notification (via letter) to Davidson County and Daughters of the Confederacy:
 - declares presence of monument in the current location detrimental to health, safety and welfare of citizens, peace and dignity of Lexington, and constitutes a public nuisance
 - issues deadline of August 12th to remedy
 - notifies failure may result in legal action, including recovery of City's damages
- **Aug. 6** - Davidson County sent official notification (via letter) that City of Lexington's request to remove/relocate the monument denied
- **Aug 10** - Lexington issues press release regarding August 13th press conference to announce authority given to City Attorney to protect City's interests and safety of citizens, businesses and visitors
- **Aug 13** - Lexington holds press conference to inform of legal action filing against Davidson County seeking removal/relocation of Confederate Monument