

Louisville

When Consolidated?	Nov. 2000 was vote and took effect January 6, 2003
Dual Vote?	Louisville and Jefferson county residents in single vote
Vote results	54%
Structure (Legislative, Executive, Judicial)	Legislative-Council Executive-Mayor
List of Services Provided	Fire, police, EMS, Roads, Garbage in Urban Services District (old City of Louisville),etc.
Charter Officers/Duties/Authority (What officers are included in the Charter; are they elected or appointed?)	Mayor and Council elected, Sheriff elected, Mayor appoints all administrative officers
Population	700,000 60% Caucasian, 35% African American, 5% Hispanic
# Employees/Ratio of Budget per Employee	5200/\$800,000,000 with capital 5200/\$480,000,000 general
Taxing Districts: How Many/What Type?	Occupational tax 2/10 th of 1 percent for all, Property tax (higher in Urban Services district) some suburban fire districts, Small cities left have taxes
How Are Taxes Collected?	Sheriff is tax collector
Cap on Taxes or Millage?	2/10 th of 1 percent on occupational and State sets the rate
Partisan Elections?	Yes
How many Districts and Representatives?	26 council districts with 1 representative each
How are Districts Drawn?	Population and adjusted according to US Census
Term Limits?	4 years but staggered in the beginning so first 13 had 2 years and 13 had initial 4 years
Code of Ethics?	Ethics Commission
Public Safety: How are Patrol, Corrections, Fire/EMS Functions Handled?	Merged Sheriff and Police, merged the Fire Departments, some suburban cities have fire departments,
Civil Service System?	N/A
Pensions-Transferred? Limits on Pensions?	State pension as before merger
Schools Included?	Schools were separate before and funded by property tax
Does the Charter include elements that reflect/address the values of our Charter Commission? (Efficient, Inclusive, Service, Integrity, Innovation) If so, please specifically list.	Not really. Impetus for the merger was primarily economic development. Lost Grizzlies to Memphis because County Judge at time and Mayor could not agree. Similar problem with Yum Brands, but got worked out. Ego was a part because Lexington became larger in population than City of Louisville at some point.