

## **Jefferson County League of Cities Home Rule Cities Quality of Life**

- Home Rule Cities provide residents an opportunity to personally know and connect with their Mayor and Council/Commission.
- Home Rule Cities create and maintain welcoming communities in support of quality of living for all.
- Home Rule City residents pay property taxes to their cities to cover the cost of effective, efficient city services. In addition, all property owners pay taxes to Louisville-Jefferson County Metro Government. Louisville Metro benefits from the existence of Home Rule Cities in that Metro Government would have to absorb costs of many services provided by Home Rule Cities.
- Services such as fire and police protection; road maintenance; zoning authority are provided by many Home Rule Cities.
- Quality residential property values in Home Rule Cities provide enhanced property valuation rates through the Office of the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator.
- Quality residential properties in Home Rule Cities are an attractive asset to Louisville Metro Government economic development officials as they strive to attract businesses to the Louisville area.
- Home Rule Cities support and help establish environmentally sound policies and programs through contracts with waste haulers and representation on the local Waste Management District 109 Board.
- Many of Jefferson County's Home Rule Cities are home to businesses of all sizes and are the site of many of the busiest shopping districts, business parks and office complexes in the area — including the largest business park in Kentucky. Recruitment and retention of businesses by Home Rule Cities have a positive impact on economic development and job creation in Jefferson County.
- Many Home Rule Cities maintain a variety of quality parks and playgrounds for family leisure, concerts and sports activities. Some cities operate swim facilities and sponsor swim teams some of which have produced Olympic swimmers.
- Home Rule Cities produce and/or sponsor a variety of festivals and community-engaging events throughout the year with a special emphasis on holiday season events that are enjoyed by families throughout the Louisville Metro area.
- Numerous historical homes in Jefferson County are located and maintained in Home Rule Cities. Their presence enhances tourism opportunities with special events and tours as well as providing places to host events and family activities.

- Faith communities of all kinds make their homes in Jefferson County's Home Rule Cities. The various faith traditions and places of worship are a source positive impact for families, and these faith communities frequently partner with cities to provide services to residents and the broader Louisville Metro community.
- Many public and private schools are located in Home Rule Cities. The cities are proud to support and partner with Jefferson County Public Schools and other schools within their borders.
- Several JCLC Home Rule Cities have earned Tree City USA designations and Kentucky League of Cities City of Ethics designations.