RESOLUTION NO. 065, SERIES 2020

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT ON STEEP SLOPES.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES PEDEN

WHEREAS, Section 4.7 of the Land Development Code (the "LDC") is meant to guide development in steeply sloped or unstable hillside areas; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.7.5 of the LDC regulates land disturbing activity on slopes greater than 20%; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.7.7 of the LDC allows a development potential transfer for major subdivision development proposals which permanently preserve areas of the site with slopes greater than 20%; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the "Council") is concerned that the current language and requirements of Chapter 4.7 may not adequately protect steep slopes and may be overly generous in their allowed development potential transfer calculations; and

WHEREAS, the Council does not believe that steep slopes which are claimed as "preserved" for purposes of Section 4.7 of the LDC should be allowed on residential lots, but should instead be contained solely in permanently protected open space;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Planning Commission shall undertake a review of the current Land Development Code and adopt amendments thereto to strengthen regulations regarding development on steep slopes.

SECTION II: Per KRS 100.211 (3), the Planning Commission shall hold at least one (1) public hearing and make a recommendation to Metro Council within sixty (60)

days of its receipt of this Resolution (as modified by Senate Bill 150). If the Planning Commission fails to issue a recommendation within that period, Metro Council reserves the right to move forward without such recommendation.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Sonya Harward

Metro Council Clerk

David James

President of the Council

Greg Fischer

Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell Jefferson/County Attorney

BY:

R-080-20 Review LDC RE Steep Slopes (TF)

LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL ADOPTED

Jone 25, 2020