

**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2022**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO CREATE THE OFFICE OF ARTS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AND DESIGNATE THE OFFICE OF ARTS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES AS METRO’S LOCAL ARTS AGENCY.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER GEORGE**

**WHEREAS**, Louisville Metro Government has an interest in promoting visual and performing arts in its community; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts contribute to the quality of life, economy, and authenticity of Louisville Metro; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to qualify for certain federal funding, Louisville Metro Government is required to designate an official local arts agency (“LAA”); and

**WHEREAS**, an internal Office of Arts and Creative Industries, which will serve as Louisville Metro Government’s LAA, is necessary to promote centralization, neutrality, stability, streamline arts programming, and provide additional access to funding in accordance with Louisville Metro Government’s Strategic Plan.

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

**SECTION I:** A new section of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances (“LMCO”) is hereby created as follows:

**§ 30.XXX OFFICE OF ARTS AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES**

(A) There is hereby established within Louisville Metro Government an Office of Arts and Creative Industries.

(B) The Office of Arts and Creative Industries will serve the following purposes and functions:

(1) Protect, enhance, serve, promote, and advocate for excellence in arts and culture for Louisville Metro and its citizens;

(2) Serve as the identified day-to-day arts and culture base of operations for Louisville Metro;

(2) Encourage and support development of the arts and cultural community;

(3) Apply for and administer grants;

(4) Facilitate visual and performing arts programming;

(5) Develop and implement initiatives in advocacy, arts education, community arts and cultural development, and cultural diversity in order to further the growth and sustainability of the arts and cultural communities and increase public access to arts and culture in Louisville Metro; and

(6) Implement and oversee Louisville Metro's Strategic Arts and Culture Plan.

**SECTION II:** A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

**§ 30.XXX LOCAL ARTS AGENCY**

The Office of Arts and Creative Industries is the designated local arts agency of Louisville Metro, as defined by Americans for the Arts and Urban Arts Federation.

**SECTION III:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

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Sonya Harward  
Metro Council Clerk

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David James  
President of the Council

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Greg Fischer  
Mayor

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

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