

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

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING USE OF METRO OWNED PARKS.**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS SHANKLIN, FOWLER, GEORGE, HOLTON STEWART, AND PRESIDENT JAMES**

**WHEREAS**, Metro Parks are regularly used for events by non-governmental organizations and private citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, use of the parks for events entails additional certain costs for which the Department of Parks charges reasonable fees, including but not limited to fees for the use of Metro-owned property and equipment and costs of security necessary for the event provided by LMPD; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisville Metro Government offices regularly sponsor official events for the community which are held in the Louisville Metro Parks system, many of which have been held annually for many years; and

**WHEREAS**, the departmental budgets are created by Louisville Metro Government with the understanding and expectation that Metro agencies may use Metro Parks properties for official events, as they have in the past, and funding for LMPD and Parks takes that into account.

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

**SECTION I:** A new section of Chapter 42 shall provide as follows:

**SECTION 42.33. FEES ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF PARK PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT.**

Louisville Metro Government may charge reasonable fees associated with the use of Metro-owned park property and equipment, including but not limited to fees required for additional security for the event. Non-governmental organizations and private residents shall be responsible for payment of all fees associated with a rental of Metro-owned park property. No Metro office or agency shall be charged such fees in connection with any official Metro government event; provided, however, any Metro official seeking to use Metro-owned park property for any other purpose shall be responsible for all applicable fees.

**SECTION II:** 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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