

ORDINANCE NO. _____, SERIES 2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) BY CREATING A NEW SECTION REQUIRING METRO COUNCIL APPROVAL TO CLOSE, REPURPOSE, OR SELL A METRO-OWNED GOLF COURSE.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS BUTLER AND FOWLER

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (“Metro Council”) finds that the Metro-owned golf courses are important assets that provide a quality golfing experience for the citizens of Louisville Metro;

WHEREAS, Metro-owned golf courses contribute to the health and wellness of the community, so it is important that Metro-owned golf courses are available to the entire community; and

WHEREAS, Metro Council hereby amends Chapter 42 to establish a hearing and approval process for the closure, repurpose, and/or sale of any Metro-owned golf courses.

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

SECTION I: A new section of LMCO Chapter 42 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

42.44 METRO COUNCIL APPROVAL REQUIRED TO CLOSE, REPURPOSE, OR SELL A METRO-OWNED GOLF COURSE.

Metro Parks may not permanently close any Metro-owned golf course, repurpose the land of any Metro-owned golf course, and/or sell or dispose of the property of any Metro-owned golf course without prior Metro Council approval through the following process:

(A) Metro Parks must hold at least two public hearings to discuss the proposed closure of the Metro-owned golf course, with at least one public hearing held at a location in close proximity of the named Metro-owned golf course. Notice of the public meetings must comply with KRS § 61.823.

(B) After the public hearings, Metro Parks must request approval from Metro Council to permanently close the named Metro-owned golf course, repurpose the land of any Metro-owned golf course, and/or sell or dispose of the property of any Metro-owned golf course. The following information and documents must be filed with Metro Council for review and consideration of any request:

(1) The public interest reasons Metro Parks requests a permanently closure, repurpose, or sale of the named Metro-owned golf course along with any supporting documentation;

(2) The intended use of the property, if the land is to be repurposed;

(3) Notice of the public hearings; and

(4) The financial records for the named Metro-owned golf course for the past ten years.

(C) Metro Council approval requires a two-thirds majority vote to permanently close, repurpose, or sell and/or dispose of a Metro-owned golf course.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

H. Stephen Ott
Metro Council Clerk

David James
President of the Council

Greg Fischer
Mayor

Approved Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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