

**To: Public Safety Committee  
Louisville Metro Council**

**From: Cathy Allgood Murphy  
Resident, District 10**

**Date: February 9, 2016**

**Re: Abandoned Shopping Carts**

**As a resident of District 10 I applaud my councilman, Pat Mulvihill, for introducing the ordinance that addresses the issue of abandoned shopping carts. I live near Kroger and K-Mart and have noticed these businesses carts in various areas around the neighborhood. One cart from Kroger sat at the corner of Belmar and Illinois for several months' above a storm drain collecting trash and leaves. Bus stops have also been a problem. We are proud of our district and we do not want to see shopping carts in the ditches, at the bus stops and especially blocking sidewalks where people with mobility impairments then have to go out into the street to avoid the carts.**

**These abandoned carts have to cost a business to replace. I do not believe that imposing a fine for the failure to label these carts will hurt their bottom line. There should be some recourse for the neighborhoods that have to deal these carts. They are an eyesore, an obstacle for those who use wheelchairs and are pushing strollers and, neighbors shouldn't have to be burdened with returning a business's cart.**

**I respectfully ask the members of the Public Safety Committee to give serious thought to the hazard and hindrance of these shopping carts on a neighborhood.**

**Respectfully,**

**Cathy Allgood Murphy  
District 10**