

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, LEASE, OR SELL A METRO-OWNED GOLF COURSE (AS AMENDED).**

**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, LEASE, 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 lease, 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 lease, 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 lease, sell and/or dispose of a Metro-owned golf course.

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

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H. Stephen Ott  
Metro Council Clerk

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David James  
President of the Council

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Greg Fischer  
Mayor

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Approved Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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