



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Final Public Safety Committee

Chair Jessica Green (D-1)
Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)
Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Nicole George (D-21)
Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Wednesday, December 15, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

**THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING
THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

Call to Order

Chair Green called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Green introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except for Council President James, Council Member Hollander, and Committee Member Fox, who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 6 - Chair Jessica Green (D-1), Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Nicole George (D-21), and Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)

Excused: 1 - Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), and Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Paul Rutherford, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Kathryn Meador, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-575-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 72 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO METRO GOVERNMENT TOW LOTS FEES AND TO ALLOW THE DIRECTOR TO DECLARE AN AMNESTY PERIOD (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21), Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Additional Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Attachments: [O-575-21 V.3 FAM 121621 Metro Government Tow Lot Amnesty Period.pdf](#)
[O-575-21 V.2 CAM 121521 Metro Government Tow Lot Amnesty Period.pdf](#)
[O-575-21 PROPOSED CAM 121521 \(George\) Metro Government Tow Lot Amnesty Period.pdf](#)
[O-575-21 PROPOSED CAM 121521 \(Parker\) Metro Government Tow Lot Amnesty Period.pdf](#)
[O-575-21 V.1 111121 Metro Government Tow Lot Amnesty Period.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Peden, seconded by Chair Green, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Hollander
- Committee Member George
- Major Emily McKinley, Louisville Metro Police Department ("LMPD")
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Parker
- Vice Chair Peden
- Chair Green
- Sonya Harward, Clerk

The following was discussed:

- Problem getting abandoned cars off the street because Metro's Tow Lot is full and cars are coming in faster than they are going out
- This Ordinance would allow for 30 days of amnesty in a year, not necessarily 30 days in a row, when fees could be waived
- This would not apply to vehicles impounded because they are involved in dumping, graffiti, transporting stolen materials, or vehicles that are inoperative or unlicensed
- LMPD has been working with insurance companies to get the vehicles out of the Tow Lot quicker
- LMPD has improve the auction process and has a new auctioneer, and they have auctioned several hundred vehicles monthly online
- LMPD has improved their scrap process and are scrapping cars weekly by having an auditor come out weekly to assess the vehicles
- Whether cars are auctioned that could have been scrapped
- Example of an issue with a car being stolen and the owner having to pay towing and storage fees, and wanting to offer a proposed amendment to address this
- Discussion about Committee Member George offering her proposed amendment and then Committee Member Parker offering her proposed amendment after that

A motion was made by Committee Member George, seconded by Vice Chair Peden, that this Ordinance be amended as shown in attached document titled "O-575-21 PROPOSED CAM 121521 (George) Metro Government Tow Lot Amnesty Period.pdf."

[This amendment also included a possible technical amendment to change the references from "Public Works and Services" to "Louisville Metro Police Department," but Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, asked to be allowed to research this before making this amendment.]

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

Committee Member Parker and Kathryn Meador, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, explained a proposed amendment regarding fees being waived for cars that are stolen.

A motion was made by Committee Member Parker, seconded by Vice Chair Peden, that this amended Ordinance be further amended as shown in the attached document titled "O-575-21 PROPOSED CAM 121521 (Parker) Metro Government Tow Lot Amnesty Period.pdf."

Additionally, Vice Chair Peden asked that language be included in the proposed amendment to make it clear that the 21 days does not start until after the owner has been given notice that their stolen vehicle is in the Tow Lot, and Hollie Hopkins suggested the following language be added:

- In new Section 72.062(G), between "the first twenty-one days" and "the vehicle is stored at the lot," add "after the owner receives notice that"

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The discussion continued and the following spoke to the amended Ordinance:

- Council President James
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Shanklin
- Chair Green

The following was discussed:

- What LMPD is doing to address the shortage of tow truck drivers, and whether a contract would be renegotiated -- jobs posted continuously and raising the pay
- Possibly limiting the number of times someone can receive amnesty to get their car out of the Tow Lot to avoid abuse of this option
- Finding a new impound lot, and a location on Poplar Level Road was mentioned
- Whether people would intentionally letting their vehicles be towed and then take advantage of the amnesty period

The motion to recommend for approval carried by the following vote and the amended Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Yes: 6 - Green, Shanklin, Fox, Parker, George, and Peden

Excused: 1 - Flood

2. [R-159-21](#)

A RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO THE CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET ORDINANCES, APPROVING THE APPROPRIATION TO FUND THE FOLLOWING NONCOMPETITIVELY NEGOTIATED PROFESSIONAL SERVICE CONTRACT FOR THE OFFICE FOR SAFE AND HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS CONCERNING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP ALLEVIATE VIOLENCE IN METRO LOUISVILLE - (CURE VIOLENCE GLOBAL - \$200,000.00).

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Attachments: [R-159-21 V.1 120221 Cure Violence Global.pdf](#)

[Cure Violence Global Agreement.pdf](#)

[Agreement Attachment B - Hold Harmless Agreement and Indemnification Clause and Insurance Requirements.pdf](#)

[Cure Violence Global Program Description.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Peden, seconded by Chair Green, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council President James
- Paul Callanan, Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

The following was discussed:

- This will help with gun violence in the city and finding alternative solutions
- This correlates with the American Rescue Plan funds
- Fulfills the requirement to find a model that train staffs, has the ability to evaluate the program, assists with building organizational capacity and figuring out how to manage the organizations receiving the funding

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.

Note: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council meeting on December 16, 2021.