



**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY**

GREG FISCHER  
MAYOR

October 28, 2021

Dear Members of the Metro Council,

I am writing to you regarding Ordinance 146, Series 2021 which appropriated \$577,200 to the Department of Codes & Regulations for additional staff to help ensure compliance with liquor license requirements, investigate potential license violations, and ensure compliance with the property maintenance code. While I have signed the ordinance as it is likely veto-proof, I respectfully request we have a more collaborative approach on future budget decisions that have long-term impacts on the personnel within Louisville Metro Government.

As Metro Council is aware, this ordinance originally started as a discussion about adding three ABC Officers in the Department of Codes and Regulations using one-time funding from the American Rescue Plan (ARP). The ordinance was subsequently amended during the Budget Committee meeting on October 7<sup>th</sup> to amend the funding source to Louisville Metro's general fund. When brought to a vote during the full Metro Council on October 14<sup>th</sup>, an amendment was made to add five Code Enforcement Officers, which eventually passed by a 12 to 11 vote.

While my administration is respectful of the need to address code and license violations, budgeting for operations requires careful consideration with attention given to the government as a whole and the long-term impacts of any budgetary decisions. In addition, the aforementioned ordinance requested funds for personnel which is an ongoing expense in future years. Each year when we look at expanding or contracting budgets, we carefully monitor the personnel growth in anticipation of lean years when we will have less revenues to cover operational needs. Budgeting is a process of balancing the needs of all Metro agencies with the goals of the Administration to accomplish our strategic objectives within the available resources. Given KRS limitations and past Metro Council inclination to not raise taxes or pursue other sources of revenue, our revenue growth is primarily limited by economic growth in our region.

Regardless of the merits of this legislation, the administration strongly discourages Metro Council appropriating new funds for expanded general fund operations on a case by case basis and urges these decisions be made collaboratively during the annual budget process and year end settlement.

Thank you for your continued service to our city.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Greg Fischer

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ORDINANCE NO. 146, SERIES 2021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 087, SERIES 2021 RELATING TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-22 OPERATING BUDGET, FOR THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT BY APPROPRIATING ~~\$339,500~~ \$577,200 OF NON-RECURRING GENERAL FUND REVENUES FROM FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CODES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STAFF TO HELP ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH LIQUOR LICENSE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE CAPACITY TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGATIONS OF LICENSE VIOLATIONS AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION) (AS AMENDED).

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS CHAMBERS ARMSTRONG, ARTHUR, PURVIS, SHANKLIN, AND PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES**

**WHEREAS**, there are currently 1,371 active liquor licenses in Jefferson County;

**WHEREAS**, there are currently eight Alcoholic Beverage Control officers working for Louisville Metro government;

**WHEREAS**, the lack of staffing makes it difficult for ABC to enforce licensing requirements, investigate allegations of license violations, and provide proactive training to establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, additional ABC staff would help ensure compliance with liquor license requirements and provide capacity to investigate allegations of license violations.

**WHEREAS**, the lack of staffing makes it difficult for Codes and Regulations to enforce the current Property Maintenance Code and adequately serve the citizens of Louisville-Jefferson County Metro.

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

**SECTION I:** Part I. Revenues and Funding Sources, of Ordinance 087, Series 2021 is hereby amended as follows:

REVENUES AND FUNDING SOURCES			
1.	GENERAL FUND		
	Property Taxes	192,370,000	
	Revenue Commission Payments	416,210,000	
	Licenses and Permits	19,230,000	
	Fines	1,200,000	
	Revenue from Use of Money and Property	970,000	
	Charges for Service	13,620,000	
	Intergovernmental Revenue	<u>14,560,000</u>	
	GENERAL FUND TOTAL	658,160,000	
2.	AGENCY AND OTHER RECEIPTS	114,056,900	
3.	NON-RECURRING GENERAL FUND	<u>89,966,200</u>	<u>90,305,700</u> <u>90,543,400</u>
4.	TOTAL REVENUES AND FUNDING SOURCES	<u>862,183,100</u>	<u>862,522,600</u> <u>862,760,300</u>
5.	TRANSFER TO THE CAPITAL FUND	(30,105,400)	
6.	COMMITTED FUNDS	(1,300,000)	
7.	TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR APPROPRIATION	<u>830,777,700</u>	<u>831,117,200</u> <u>831,354,900</u>

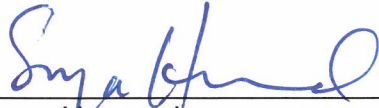
**SECTION II:** Part I., F. Chiefs of Louisville Forward, 3. Codes and Regulations, of Ordinance No. 087, Series 2021, is hereby amended as follows:

3. CODES AND REGULATIONS

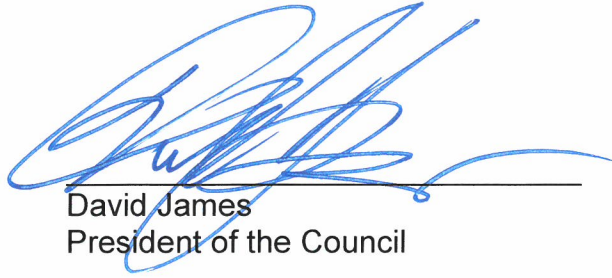
a.	General Operations			
	(1) General Fund	<del>13,786,500</del>	<u>14,126,000</u>	<u>14,363,700</u>
	(2) Agency and Other Receipts	1,241,000		
	TOTAL – Codes and Regulations	<del>15,027,500</del>	<u>15,367,000</u>	<u>15,604,700</u>

**SECTION III:** The Council has determined the funds requested in this Ordinance will be expended for a public purpose.

**SECTION IV:** The Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.



Sonya Harward  
Metro Council Clerk



David James  
President of the Council



Greg Fischer  
Mayor

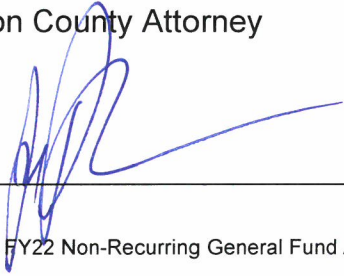
10/28/2021

Approved Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

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**LOUISVILLE METRO COUNCIL  
READ AND PASSED  
October 14, 2021**