



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative 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, November 3, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Person Green called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person 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 Council President James, Committee Member Fox, and Committee Member George, who attended in Chambers.**

Present: 7 - 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), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6)

Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-1477](#)

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION: GROUP VIOLENCE INTERVENTION PROGRAM UPDATE –
PAUL SMITH AND ERIN BLOOM, JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Attachments: [Louisville Public Safety Committee - GVI and Reconciliation.pdf](#)

Paul Smith, National Network for Safe Communities at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, gave a presentation and update on the Group Violence Intervention program. (Presentation Attached)

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member George
- Council President James
- Committee Member Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro is modeling the standards set forth in the original framework. The presenter stated that Louisville Metro is following the original framework and commended the agency partner teams for collaborating on community engagement.
- There were several questions regarding the data presented that noted reductions in violence in cities that utilize the Group Violence Intervention program, what factors account for these reductions in violence, and how Louisville Metro ranks overall. The response was that implementation is key in seeing reduction in violent acts within the community, as community and agency partners collaborate with efficacy it builds a foundation of consistency, and Louisville Metro must set the standard for Louisville Metro.
- There were several questions regarding an update on the status of the weekly shooting meetings and who participates in those meetings. The response was that information and data sharing were excellent and the continued joint efforts of the external partner agencies is very encouraging.
- There were several questions regarding whether Jefferson County Public Schools participate in the weekly shooting meetings, and whether other cities allow Council Members to participate in these meetings. The response was that Jefferson County Public Schools is represented in the weekly shooting meetings, however, the meetings are law enforcement meetings. Therefore, Council Members do not participate in the meetings.
- There were several questions regarding the role of the Louisville Metro Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods within the program and whether their work with law enforcement is impactful. The response was that the Louisville Metro Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods participates in the community outreach role of the program, which is essential during custom notifications comprised of non-sworn community members and law enforcement to engage individuals with a deterrence message, an offer of help, and a plea to cease any participation in violent activity. The community outreach team also offers services to deter individuals from continued violent behavior, and is the conduit for available services and data collection for further oversight.

- There were several questions regarding whether the program would be able to decrease the incidents of violence and shootings in Louisville Metro in light of numerous recent shootings where there are no suspects. The response was that moreover individuals will contact law enforcement and with the framework and collaboration of this program it builds community trust.

Pending Legislation

2. [O-350-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 96 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES REQUIRING THE REPORTING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY FIREARMS.

Sponsors: Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Attachments: [O-350-21 PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR CABS 110321- CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 96 OF THE LMCO REQUIRING REPORTING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY FIREARMS.pdf](#)
[O-350-21 V.1 072921 CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 96 OF THE LMCO REQUIRING REPORTING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY FIREARMS.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

3. [O-469-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTERS 91 AND 156 TO ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.

Sponsors: Primary Donna L. Purvis (D-5)

Attachments: [O-469-21 V.1 092321 AMEND LMCO 91 AND 156 - ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

4. [O-474-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 115 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO PRIVATE TOW OPERATORS.

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [O-474-21 PROPOSED CAM 110321 AMENDS LMCO 115 RE PRIVATE TOW OPERATORS.pdf](#)
[O-474-21 V.1 092321 Amends LMCO 115 RE Private Tow Operators.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Committee Member Flood, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Council President James
- Robert Kirchdorfer, Louisville Metro Codes and Regulations
- Committee Member Flood
- Holly Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Vice Chair Peden
- Lieutenant Brad Silveria, Louisville Metro Alcohol and Beverage Control
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member George

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the intent and scope of the legislation at the request of Louisville Metro Codes and Regulations.
- There was a discussion regarding changes/revisions to the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances to address private tow operators.

A motion was made by Chair Person Green, seconded by Vice Chair Peden, that this Ordinance be amended as shown in the attached document titled "O-474-21 PROPOSED CAM 110321 AMENDS LMCO 115 RE PRIVATE TOW OPERATORS.pdf".

- There was a discussion regarding the challenge of enforcement of private tow operators not complying with the Ordinance.
- There was a discussion regarding the revisions to the Ordinance to better enforce violations made by private tow operators.
- The revisions set forth in O-474-21 PROPOSED CAM 110321 AMENDS LMCO 115 RE PRIVATE TOW OPERATORS.pdf" were outlined.

A motion was made by Committee Member Flood, seconded by Chair Person Green, that this Ordinance be amended by adding the word "physical" before the word "address" each time an address is required to be provided within the Ordinance.

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The following was further discussed:

- There were several questions regarding whether the amendment would address enforcement challenges with large trucks.
- There were several questions regarding specific changes to address enforcement of large trucks, such as adding, new definitions, a section on licensing, a section on license suspension and revocation, and changes in fee limits.

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

- There was a discussion regarding adding a requirement that tow vehicles that are licensed must display that licensing.
- There was a discussion regarding overall intent for the amendment to add enforcement of criminal penalties for instances when out of county operators tow in Louisville Metro that do not appear before the Code Enforcement Board. By adding this level of enforcement, when operators fail to appear a bench warrant may be issued via Jefferson County District Court.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Chair Person

Green, that this Ordinance be amended in the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances Section 115.451 "Licensure Requirements and Fees" as a new section C stating, "All licensed vehicles used in the operation of a private tow operator are to be properly identified and such identification shall be visible on the outside of the vehicle at all times. The licensed vehicle shall bear the name of the company and license number. All such identification shall be in letters not smaller than three inches high and must be kept legible at all times." The other sections would then shift accordingly in alphabetical order.

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

- There were several questions regarding the requirements of business owners in regard to towing, such as, a contract with the tow operator, posted signage, and the tow operator must be licensed by Louisville Metro.
- There was a discussion regarding appropriate posted signage.
- There was a discussion regarding predatory towing.
- There was a discussion regarding the overall intent to discourage excessive/unnecessary towing.

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

Yes: 7 - Green, Shanklin, Fox, Parker, George, Peden, and Flood

5. [R-133-21](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON APPROVAL, TO ENTER INTO A \$23,055.00 GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (KOHS), TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY KOHS TO FACILITATE AND ADMINISTER A PROJECT FOR BODY ARMOR PURCHASES FOR SHERIFF PERSONNEL AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT.

Sponsors: Primary David James (D-6)

Attachments: [R-133-21 V.1 102821 GRANT AGREEMENT \(23,055.00\) - KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY \(KOHS\) - A PROJECT FOR BODY ARMOR PURCHASES.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 4:30 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 November 11, 2021.