



**Action Summary - Final
Community Affairs, Health and
Education Committee**

*Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2)
Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15)
Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)
Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10)
Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member David Yates (D-25)*

Wednesday, September 9, 2020

1:30 PM

Council Chambers

Call to Order

Chair Shanklin called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Roll Call

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

***NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually excepted Vice Chair Triplett and Council Member Coan who attended in the Chambers**

- Present:** 6 - Chair Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Vice Chair Kevin Triplett (D-15), Committee Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member David Yates (D-25)
- Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Brandon Coan (D-8), and Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9)

Support Staff

Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Mary Whitlock, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [O-413-20](#)

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW CHAPTER OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS FROM ENGAGING IN SEXUAL ORIENTATION AND GENDER IDENTITY CHANGE EFFORTS.

Sponsors: Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary Brandon Coan (D-8), Primary Nicole George (D-21), Primary Jessica Green (D-1), Primary Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Primary Kevin Triplett (D-15) and Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10)

Attachments: [O-413-20 V.1 090320 Ordinance Prohibiting Conversion Therapy.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Mulvihill, seconded by Vice Chair Triplett, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Hollander
- Vice Chair Triplett
- Committee Member Yates
- Kendall Boyd, Human Relations Commission
- Council Member Coan
- Council Member Mulvihill
- Chair Shanklin
- Committee Member Benson
- Committee Member Parker
- Council Member McCraney
- Natalie Johnson, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

The following was discussed:

- The practice of conversion therapy is dangerous because it hurts kids
- Proports to change sexual orientation and gender identity but does not work
- Clients have experienced stress disorders, anxiety, depression, and suicidal and self harming-behaviors
- 20 states have ban the practice
- A state-wide ban proposal has been sponsored by a Democratic State Representative and a Republican State Senator and has attracted support of both parties in Jefferson County
- Discussion regarding enforcement of the Ordinance
- Steps to take with the Human Resources Commission to file a complaint
- Requesting of monetary relief after the hearing and how it would be handled
- The practice is harmful to young people
- Children are being sent to Therapy camps
- Whether parents be responsible for sending their children to take the therapy due to what might happen to their children
- Concerns regarding mental health professionals engaging in this type of teaching
- Heard of some churches with counselors participating in this type of counseling

Committee Member Benson explained that his abstention was due to not having enough facts.

Chair Shanklin, Vice Chair Triplett, and Committee Member Mulvihill requested to be sponsors of the Ordinance.

The motion carried by the following vote, and the Ordinance was sent to Old Business:

Yes: 5 - Shanklin, Triplett, Mulvihill, Parker, and Yates

Abstain: 1 - Benson

Absent: 1 - Green

2. [O-395-19](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS. 92.02, 92.03 and 93.04 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) AMENDING THE DISCRIMINATION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR MORE FAIR ACCESS TO RENTAL HOUSING.

Sponsors: Primary Jessica Green (D-1), Primary David James (D-6), Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Additional Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)

Attachments: [O-395-19 Proposed CAM 12.3.19.pdf](#)

[O-395-19 V.1 112119 Amend LMCO Fair Access to Rental Housing.pdf](#)

[12.4.19 Adding Source of Income to Fair Housing Law.pdf](#)

[12-4-19 Kendall Boyd's Housing Discrimination Ordinance Presentation.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Shanklin adjourned the meeting at 2:10p.m.

***NOTE:** Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on September 17, 2020.