



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Final Public Safety Committee

*Chair Mark H. Fox (D-13)*

*Vice Chair James Peden (R-23)*

*Vacant (D-1)*

*Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)*

*Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)*

*Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18)*

*Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

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Wednesday, February 23, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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### Call to Order

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

### Roll Call

Chair Person Fox 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 Chair Person Fox, Vice Chair Peden, Council Member Arthur, Council Member Hollander, Council Member Kramer, and Council Member George, who attended in Chambers.

**Present:** 6 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Chair Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Marilyn Parker (R-18), Vice Chair James Peden (R-23), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Council Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Council Member Nicole George (D-21)

### Support Staff

Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Pending Legislation

### 1. [O-004-22](#)

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 135 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS WITHIN LOUISVILLE METRO. (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION)**

**Sponsors:** Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Primary Bill Hollander (D-9), Primary Nicole George (D-21), Primary Kevin Triplett (D-15), Primary David James (D-6) and Additional Rick Blackwell (D-12)

**Attachments:** [O-004-22 V.2 CABS 030922 \(2\) AMEND CH 135 - LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES \(“LMCO”\) RELATING TO THE DISCHARGE OF FIREARMS.pdf](#)  
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**A motion was made by Committee Member McCraney, seconded by Vice Chair Peden, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.**

**The following spoke to this item:**

- Council Member Hollander
- Council Member George
- Council Member Mulvihill
- Chair Person Fox
- Committee Member McCraney
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Flood
- Council Member Kramer
- Lieutenant Colonel Joshua Judah, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Robert Kirchdorfer, Louisville Metro Department of Codes and Regulations

**The following was discussed:**

- There was a discussion regarding the scope and intent of the Ordinance overall and the content that it adds to the original legislation.
- The goal of the legislation is to help deter the repeated discharge of firearms unnecessarily.
- There was a discussion regarding the functions of the ShotSpotter program and areas where the ShotSpotter program does not make impacts.
- There was a discussion regarding the legislation offering another level of protection against repeated discharges of firearms in densely populated areas.
- There was a discussion regarding areas and organizations that are exempt from this legislation.
- There was a discussion regarding the aid and support this legislation may give to law enforcement officers.

- There was a discussion regarding the deficiencies of the legislation and whether it would have a significant impact on either the practice of repeated gunfire or the participant.
- There were several questions regarding new firing ranges and the licensure process and possible exemptions.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Fraternal Order of Police are in support of the legislation.
- The sponsors have discussed the legislation with several Louisville Metro Police officers.
- There was a discussion regarding the impacts of the legislation to individuals in urban areas as opposed to individuals in rural areas.
- There was a request for a Comstat report detailing instances of gunfire including a comparison of urban versus rural ratios.
- There was a discussion regarding further clarifying definitions on acreage, infrastructure, and roads.
- There were several questions regarding instances of repeated gunfire in urban areas, and whether Louisville Metro Police officers requested the legislation.
- There were several questions regarding whether there is a fee to operate a gun range.
- There was a discussion regarding the fact that licensed hunting is exempt from this legislation.
- There were several questions regarding whether firearm maintenance violates the Ordinance, such as, repeated gunfire to adjust a gun sight on private property.
- There were several questions regarding the differences between private property in rural areas versus an outdoor shooting range.
- There were several questions regarding whether this legislation would change/deter the behaviors of individuals that continue in the practice of repeated instances of celebratory/recreational gunfire.
- There was a discussion regarding the scope, definitions, and elements for successful prosecution in instances of "Reckless Endangerment" versus "Wanton Endangerment."
- There was a discussion regarding the intent of the legislation to criminalize and establish probable cause against individuals that have participated in the practice of repeated celebratory gunfire.
- There was a discussion regarding repeated gunfire within densely populated urban areas.
- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro Police officer calls for service and how this legislation will further support officers.
- There were several questions regarding discharging a firearm in the air versus a concentrated target.
- There were several questions regarding whether discharging a firearm from a moving vehicle is unlawful.
- There was a discussion regarding possible changes to the Ordinance citing "discharge of weapons within an approximate distance of structures, roads, etc."
- There was a discussion regarding the elements and regulations that were considered to draft the legislation.
- There were several questions regarding the length of turnaround time for permitting and licensure, if this legislation is passed.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Peden, seconded by Committee Member McCraney, that this Ordinance be tabled.

The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

2. [R-011-22](#)

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY SENATE BILL 19  
AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Rick Blackwell (D-12), Additional David James (D-6), Additional Keisha Dorsey (D-3) and Additional Mark H. Fox (D-13)

**Attachments:** [R-011-22 V.1 020322 RES IN SUPPORT - KENTUCKY SB 19  
AUTHORIZING TRAFFIC SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Fox adjourned the meeting at 4:30 p.m.