



# 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)*

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Wednesday, September 1, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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### 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 Member Arthur, Council President James, 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 Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Council Member Markus Winkler (D-17), and Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

### Support Staff

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

### Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk  
Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Pending Legislation

### 1. [O-349-21](#)

#### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LMCO CHAPTER 70 TO PROVIDE FOR TRAFFIC GUARDS AT SCHOOLS WITHIN THE LOUISVILLE METRO BOUNDARIES (AS AMENDED).**

**Sponsors:** Primary Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

**Attachments:** [O-349-21 V.2 AMEND LMCO TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC GUARDS AT SCHOOLS WITHIN THE LOUISVILLE METRO.pdf](#)  
[O-349-21 PROPOSED CAM 090121 - Traffic Guards.pdf](#)  
[O-349-21 V.1 072921 Amend LMCO TO PROVIDE TRAFFIC GUARDS AT SCHOOLS WITHIN THE LOUISVILLE METRO.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Council Member Winkler
- Holly Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Council Member Piagentini
- Lieutenant Colonel Andrew McClinton, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Flood
- Committee Member Fox
- Council President James
- Committee Member Parker

The following was discussed:

- There were several questions regarding the existing traffic guard collective bargaining agreement and whether it would allow Louisville Metro to contract with third parties.
- There was a discussion regarding the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement and its flexibility to allow contracting with third parties.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Mayor's Office had taken any measures to exercise the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement to contract with third parties or suburban cities.
- There was a discussion regarding the urgency of addressing/rectifying this issue, including sharing two videos of an incident where no crossing guards were present.
- There was a discussion regarding the process for the Louisville Metro Police Department to delegate crossing guards throughout Louisville Metro at Jefferson County Public Schools.
- There was a discussion regarding staffing shortages with crossing guards and police officers in the Louisville Metro Police Department.

Council Member Piagentini proffered an amendment to the "O-349-21 PROPOSED CAM 090121 - Traffic Guards.pdf," (See attached).

A motion was made by Vice Chair Peden, seconded by Committee Member Fox, that this Ordinance be amended as stated by Council Member Piagentini.

- There were several questions to clarify the wording changes while reviewing the current legislation.

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The discussion continued and the following was discussed:

- There was a discussion on the current staff shortages of traffic guard personnel in the Louisville Metro Police Department. Currently, nine traffic guards positions have become vacant in the past two weeks.
- There was a discussion regarding whether the Louisville Metro Police Department could provide officers to patrol schools during the traffic guard shortage.
- There was a discussion regarding police officer shortages.
- There were several questions regarding the number of crossing guards needed to staff all Jefferson County Public Schools. The Louisville Metro Police Department is tasked to provide crossing guards at 116 schools.
- There were several questions regarding the process to determine which schools require/need traffic guards.
- There were several questions regarding whether the traffic guard applicants may select the schools/locations to work.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Louisville Metro Police Department has contacted outside groups, such as volunteers, to train as crossing guards.
- There was a discussion regarding the Mayor's Office prioritizing hiring traffic guards.
- There was a discussion regarding having multiple traffic guards at larger schools.
- There was a discussion regarding Jefferson County Public Schools hiring off-duty officers to work on school property versus public property, i.e., public roads.
- There was a discussion regarding cost-sharing between Louisville Metro and suburban cities to employ crossing guards.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Louisville Metro Police Department had contacted suburban cities to contract additional traffic guards.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Louisville Metro Police Department considered opening the current traffic guard contract for renegotiations.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Louisville Metro Police Department has received any direction from the Mayor's Office regarding this issue.
- There was a discussion regarding Louisville Metro being responsible for roadways.
- Council President James requested to be added as a sponsor of the legislation.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Louisville Metro Police Department would discuss opening the collective bargaining contract with the Mayor's Office.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Jefferson County Public School Foundation or Parent Teacher Association could fund third party vendors for crossing guards.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro could fund training for volunteer traffic guards if the Jefferson County Public School Foundation contracted with third parties.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Committee Member Flood, that this Ordinance be amended, to add the following: "In the event the school is located in a suburban/rural city within Louisville Metro and provides full-time police services to their community, they shall either provide the service or cost-share with Louisville Metro."

- There was a discussion regarding Jefferson County Public School students attending schools throughout Louisville Metro including in suburban cities.
- There was a discussion regarding cost-sharing not being a component of the original statute creating the Louisville Metro Government.
- There was a discussion regarding cost-sharing causing financial impacts on suburban cities.
- There was a discussion regarding the jurisdiction of Louisville Metro versus suburban cities on public roads.
- There were several questions regarding whether Louisville Metro has authority to dictate how suburban cities may expend funds.

The motion to amend failed by a voice vote.

- There was a discussion regarding a possible memorandum of understanding between the Louisville Metro Police Department Chief and suburban city police chiefs.
- There was a request for a Jefferson County Attorney opinion on whether Louisville Metro has the authority to dictate suburban cities' expending of funds.

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

## 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 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-401-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION TO THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 91 TO ADDRESS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN ANIMAL ABUSE AND INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Paula McCraney (D-7) and Primary Marilyn Parker (R-18)

**Attachments:** [O-401-21 V.1 081221 Ord RE Animal Abuse and Interpersonal Violence.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

4. [O-403-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING §§ 123.35 AND 123.01 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10) and Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13)

**Attachments:** [O-403-21 V.1 081221 Amend LMCO 123 RE Secondary Metal Recyclers.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

5. [O-431-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 131.02 AND 131.03 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO THE RELOCATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS FROM CAMPS.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Nicole George (D-21) and Primary Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

**Attachments:** [O-431-21 PROPOSED CABS 090121- \(2\) HOMELESS RISK ASSESSMENT.pdf](#)  
[O-431-21 V.1 082621 AMEND SECTS.131.02 AND 131.03 LMCO - RELOCATION OF PERSONS WHO ARE HOMELESS FROM CAMPS.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

6. [O-432-21](#)

**AN ORDINANCE TEMPORARILY AMENDING THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 113 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO EXTENDED HOUR SUPPLEMENTAL LICENSES FOR THE SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS, WINE, AND MALT BEVERAGES.**

**Sponsors:** Primary Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

**Attachments:** [O-432-21 V.1 082621 AMEND CH 113 LMCO - TO EXTENDED HOUR SUPPLEMENTAL LICENSES - SALE OF DISTILLED SPIRITS, WINE, AND MALT BEVERAGES.pdf](#)

This item was held in committee.

## Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 4:26 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 September 9, 2021.