RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2025

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW THE LOUISVILLE METRO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE RELATING TO PACKAGE LIQUOR STORES.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS BATSHON, HUDSON, AND OWEN

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government ("Council") often receives citizen complaints concerning, and observes criminal reports based on activities occurring in or near, package liquor stores; and

WHEREAS, the Council has examined the zoning of other commercial uses that involve the sale of products with known adverse health effects in recent years, namely Smoking Retail Stores; and

WHEREAS, the Council has found it appropriate to modify the regulation of such uses through various methods including prohibiting them in lower zoning classifications, making them permitted with special standards or by Conditional Use Permit, and creating distancing requirements from similar uses as well as schools, parks, religious buildings, and other sensitive uses; and

WHEREAS, under the Land Development Code, Package Liquor Stores are currently allowed in C-1, C-2, C-3, CM, EZ-1, and PEC zoning districts; and

WHEREAS, the Council has observed that Package Liquor Stores are often concentrated, not just in certain Council districts, but on certain streets, blocks, and even intersections; and

WHEREAS, the Council is concerned with such concentration and questions whether the use should be treated the same whether it is zoned low-intensity commercial, high-intensity commercial, or industrial; and

WHEREAS, the Council believes it important to investigate these issues as well as how peer cities and modern best planning practices handle Package Liquor Stores; and

WHEREAS, such changes will require study, a public hearing, and recommendation by the Planning Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT ("COUNCIL") AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Planning Commission is hereby directed to undertake a review of the current Louisville Metro Land Development Code with regard to Package Liquor Stores and make recommendations to the Council regarding how the regulation of this use should be amended. Among those considerations should be the application of distancing requirements similar to those applied to Smoking Retail Stores. Such recommendations shall be returned to Council within 180 days of its receipt of this Resolution.

SECTION II: This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

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Sonya Harward Metro Council Clerk	Brent Ackerson President of the Council
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Craig Greenberg Mayor	Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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