Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative

Public Safety Committee

Chair Dan Seum, Jr. (R-13)
Vice Chair Tammy Hawkins (D-1)
Committee Member Shameka Parrish-Wright (D-3)
Committee Member Andrew Owen (D-9)
Committee Member Jonathan "JJ" Joseph (R-12)
Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16)
Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)
Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21)
Committee Member Kevin Bratcher (R-22)
Committee Member Ginny Mulvey-Woolridge (R-24)

Wednesday, July 22, 2026 **4:00 PM** **Council Chambers/Virtual**

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Seum called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Note: All committee members and non-committee members present attended in Chambers, except Committee Member Parrish-Wright, Committee Member Reed, Committee Member Winkler, and Committee Member Mulvey-Woolridge, who attended virtually.

Present: 10 - Chair Dan Seum Jr. (R-13), Vice Chair Tammy Hawkins (D-1), Committee Member Shameka Parrish-Wright (D-3), Committee Member Andrew Owen (D-9), Committee Member Jonathan "JJ" Joseph (R-12), Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21), Committee Member Kevin Bratcher (R-22), and Committee Member Ginny Mulvey-Woolridge (R-24)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Ken Herndon (D-4), Council Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15)

Support Staff

Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Amanda Baker, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Cheryl Woods, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. O-280-25

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER OF TITLE XI AMENDING CHAPTER 149 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES ("LMCO") RELATING TO CRIMINAL ACTIVITY NUISANCES AND IN-PERSON SECURITY AT LATE-NIGHT BUSINESSES. (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION)

Sponsors: Primary Tammy Hawkins (D-1) and Additional Betsy Ruhe (D-21)

Attachments: O-280-25 V.2 CABS 072226 Late-Night Business Security.pdf
O-280-25 V.1 111325 Late-Night Business Security.pdf
O-280-25 PROPOSED CABS 072226 Late-Night Business Security.pdf
O-280-25 PROPOSED CABS 060326 Late-Night Business Security
O-280-25 PROPOSED CABS 050626 Late-Night Business Security.pdf

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hawkins, seconded by Committee Member Joseph, that this Ordinance be returned to the table.

The motion to return to the table carried by a voice vote.

Vice Chair Hawkins spoke to this item.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Hawkins, seconded by Committee Member Owen, that this Ordinance be amended by substitution, as shown in the attached document titled "O-280-25 PROPOSED CABS 072226 Late-Night Business Security.pdf."

Committee Member Mulvey-Woolridge spoke to this item.

A motion was made by Committee Member Ruhe, seconded by Committee Member Joseph, that this amended by substitution Ordinance be amended, as shown in the attached document titled "O-280-25 V.2 CABS 072226 Late-Night Business Security.pdf" to read as follows:

PERSISTENT ILLEGAL ACTIVITY PROPERTY.

(1) Any premises or property meeting one of the following two criteria:

(a) Properties other than hotels and motels where law enforcement officers have conducted an Enforcement Action for a violation listed in subsection (2) of this definition on more than one occasion in any 12 month period; or

(b) Hotels and motels where law enforcement officers have conducted an Enforcement Action for a violation listed in subsection (2) of this definition on at least five occasions in any 12 month period.

(2) For the purposes of determining whether the time period for an Enforcement Action has been met, each occurrence of a violation listed in this subsection begins a new 12-month period:

(a) Prostitution and/or human trafficking offenses under KRS Chapter 529;

(b) Sexual offenses under KRS Chapter 510 with the exception of KRS 510.150;

(c) Gambling offenses under KRS Chapter 528;

(d) The sale or use of alcoholic beverages on or from either licensed or unlicensed premises;

(e) Misdemeanor or felony possession, trafficking, or manufacturing drug offenses under KRS Chapter 218A;

(f) Murder under KRS 507.020 and manslaughter under KRS 507.030 and KRS 507.040;

(g) Assault or related offenses under KRS Chapter 508;

(h) Theft offenses under KRS Chapter 514;

(i) Drug paraphernalia offenses as defined by KRS 218A.500 and KRS 218A.510;

(j) Unlicensed massage therapy under KRS 309.353;

(k) Violations of LMCO §§ 115.170 to 115.186;

(l) Selling smoking retail products, as defined by LMCO § 90.02, without a license as required by LMCO § 90.11; or

(m) Violations of LMCO § 135.03 for discharging a firearm.

The following spoke to the proposed amendments:

- Council Member Bratcher
- Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Vice Chair Hawkins
- Committee Member Winkler
- Committee Member Mulvey Woolridge

The motion to amend carried by a voice vote.

The motion to amend by substitution carried by a voice vote.

The following spoke the amended Ordinance:

- Committee Member Winkler
- Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Vice Chair Hawkins
- Committee Member Owen
- Committee Member Reed
- Council Member Chappell
- Committee Member Ruhe
- Committee Member Parrish-Wright

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

Yes: 9 - Seum Jr., Hawkins, Owen, Joseph, Reed, Winkler, Ruhe, Bratcher, and Mulvey-Woolridge

No: 1 - Parrish-Wright

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Seum adjourned the meeting at 5:11 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 July 30, 2026.

Transcript

ID 26-0894

See the "Unedited Captioning Transcript of the Public Safety Committee Meeting- June 16, 2026.pdf" attached hereto for additional information regarding discussion of each item.]

Attachments: Unedited Captioning Transcript of the Public Safety Committee Meeting – July 22, 2026.pdf