



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

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)

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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 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 Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), and Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

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-176-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 72.039 RELATING TO ABANDONED AND JUNKED VEHICLES.

Sponsors: Primary Nicole George (D-21)

Attachments: [O-176-21 V.1 042221 AMENDING LMCO SEC. 72.039 RELATING TO ABANDONED AND JUNKED VEHICLES.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

2. [O-180-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF ANIMALS.

Sponsors: Primary Markus Winkler (D-17) and Primary Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Attachments: [O-180-21 V.1 042221 AMENDING CH. 91 OF THE LMCO RELATING TO - PROTECTION OF ANIMALS.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

3. [R-034-21](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO MAKE APPLICATION FOR AND, UPON APPROVAL, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE KENTUCKY OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY (KOHs), TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE DEEMED NECESSARY BY KOHS TO FACILITATE AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT AND TO ACT AS THE AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$656,469 FOR PHASE 2 RETROFIT OF LMPD'S FIREARMS TRAINING CENTER TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Sponsors: Primary Jessica Green (D-1)

Attachments: [R-034-21 V.1 050621 KOHS - LMPD FOR PROJECT - \(\\$656,469\) AUTHORIZED CORRESPONDENT FOR THIS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \\$656,469 - PHASE 2 RETROFIT - LMPD'S FIREARMS TRAINING CTR .pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

4. [O-074-21](#)**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 123 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING THE REGULATION OF PAWNBROKERS, JUNK, SCRAP, AND SECONDHAND DEALERS, AND SECONDARY METALS RECYCLERS (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).**

Sponsors: Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14), Primary Pat Mulvihill (D-10), Primary Madonna Flood (D-24), Primary Mark H. Fox (D-13) and Additional Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Attachments: [O-074-21 V.2 051221 CABS Amend LMCO 123 RE Secondhand Dealers.pdf](#)
[O-074-21 PROPOSED CABS 051221 JUNK METAL.pdf](#)
[O-074-21 V.1 022521 Amend LMCO 123 RE Secondhand Dealers.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Chair Person Green, that this Ordinance be untabled.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Committee Member Fox
- Council Member Fowler
- Sergeant Chris Vlahos, Louisville Metro Police Department

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the rise in thefts of catalytic converters.
- There was a discussion that over 900 catalytic converters were stolen in 2020.
- There was a discussion that over 600 catalytic converters have been stolen as of January 2021.
- This legislation is an effort to curb these rising thefts and the receipt of property from these particular thefts.

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Committee Member Flood, that this Ordinance be amended by substitution pursuant to the attached - "O-074-21 PROPOSED CABS 051221 JUNK METAL.pdf".

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

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

5. [O-128-21](#)**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 131.01 AND 131.02 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) RELATING TO THE DISPLACEMENT OF HOMELESS PERSONS FROM CAMPS.**

Sponsors: Primary Cindi Fowler (D-14) and Additional Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Attachments: [O-128-21 V.1 032521 AMEND LMCO - DISPLACEMENT OF HOMELESS PERSONS FROM CAMPS.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Committee Member George, that this Ordinance be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Green
- Council Member Fowler
- Committee Member George
- Tameka Laird, Office of Resilience and Community Services
- Natalie Harris, Coalition for the Homeless
- Keith Hackett, Solid Waste Management Systems
- Lieutenant Steven Healey, Louisville Metro Police Department
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Flood
- Council Member Hollander
- Committee Member Fox
- Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Committee Member Parker
- Council Member Arthur

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding a homeless encampment near the Medora Elementary School.
- There was a discussion regarding the overall intent of the legislation amending the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances with regard to homeless camps and the 21-day notice posting when in proximity to schools and day care centers.
- There was a discussion regarding changes to the ordinance focusing more on safety and risk.
- There was a discussion regarding the "right to notice" and "right to protection of items."
- There was a discussion regarding ensuring that the emergency clause and partnership component of the ordinance is preserved because it utilizes resources such as the Coalition for the Homeless to assist individuals in relocating and receiving assistance.
- There was a discussion regarding the creation of two Homeless Liaisons in the Louisville Metro Police Department to offer support to the homeless outreach coordinators.

Committee Member George proffered the following amendments to the Ordinance stating:

In the fifth "Whereas" clause stating -- "Whereas Louisville Metro Council

wishes to prioritize service provision and drive decision making around escalated action based upon risk to those individuals residing in camps and the camp's relationship to its neighbors such as schools and child care facilities."

In section 2(a) - "No department or employee of Louisville Metro Government shall displace a homeless person from a camp until Louisville Metro through the Department of Public Works and Assets has assessed the individual(s) in the camp and the camp's relationship to it neighbors using a consistent methodology to determine risk.

Strike section C(2)

Change all references to "Person first language" edits changing the phrasing from "Homeless Persons" to "People who are homeless."

- There were several questions regarding the protocol of students playing outside when a stranger is on school property.
- There was a discussion regarding the "adjacent to" language when it relates to child care centers and schools.
- There was a discussion regarding offering homeless individuals services rather than simply relocating without assistance.
- There was a discussion regarding assessing risk when an individual is on school property.
- There was a discussion regarding incorrigible homelessness.
- There was a discussion regarding efforts other than signage for notifying homeless camps.
- There was a discussion regarding prioritization of risk assessments for homeless encampments.
- There was a discussion regarding the cost and protocols for the proposed risk assessments for encampments.
- There was a discussion regarding the three phase assessment process for clearing homeless encampments that includes covering the overall health, wellness, biohazard, safety, emergency, and severity surrounding the camp.
- There was a discussion regarding the 21-Day notice when a homeless person is on Kentucky State property.
- There was a discussion regarding whether the original amendment would impact or change the clause concerning homeless individual's personal property if cleared.
- There was a discussion regarding mental health challenges and safety risks as it relates to homeless individuals.
- There were several questions regarding whether school was in session or prior to school resuming.
- There were several questions regarding how soon services were offered to the individual in question when school was back in session.
- There were several questions regarding safety concerns and risk complaints in regard to the homeless individual in question when school was back in session.

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

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Green adjourned the meeting at 4:30 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 May 20, 2021.