



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)

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

3:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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TELECONFERENCE**

Call to Order

Chair Person Fox called the meeting to order at 3:31 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, and Council President James, 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 Donna Purvis (D-5), and Council President David James (D-6)

Support Staff

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

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [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.

Attachments: [O-350-21 SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWN 012622 CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 96 OF THE LMCO REQUIRING REPORTING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY FIREARMS.pdf](#)
[O-350-21 PROPOSED LANGUAGE FOR CABS 110321- CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 96 OF THE LMCO REQUIRING REPORTING OF WOUNDS INFLICTED BY FIREARMS.pdf](#)

Sponsorship has been withdrawn.

Chair Person Fox read the following statement on behalf of Councilman Piagentini regarding his withdrawal:

"Dear Public Safety Committee,

As many of you are aware, I have been working for months on an ordinance to require reporting on gun shots that are treated at local healthcare facilities to provide additional visibility to our public health and public safety apparatus on how many gunshot incidences are occurring in the city. Currently, our reporting is dependent on voluntary reporting so there is the risk of under-reporting of gun shot wounds in our city. We have had some anecdotal evidence that some cases have been under-reported which was the impetus for this legislation.

After months of work and research, we discovered that the state already aggregates this data on a quarterly basis from the hospitals across the state. After several meetings between the Kentucky Hospital Association, the State Cabinet of Health and Family Services, and our own Public Health department, we realized that we can get this information without using the legislative process. After a meeting earlier this week, Public Health is going to initiate the process with the state Cabinet and will start getting this data soon. From there, they will share what we agreed to with LMPD and we will see how that data will help identify discrepancies in our data.

I want to thank Public Health, the Hospital Association, and the Cabinet for working through this process. We will work collaboratively with Public Health and LMPD through this process but I am personally happy that we are able to accomplish the goal without initiating an unfunded mandate on our local healthcare system.

Due to this progress, I am withdrawing my sponsorship of my ordinance so it can die in Committee. Thank you for your time and I will update this committee once we see the fruits of the first data transfer.

Sincerely,
Anthony Piagentini"

2. [R-166-21](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$100,000 OF FUNDING FROM EVERYTOWN FOR GUN SAFETY SUPPORT FUND, INC. TO HIRE A GUN VIOLENCE DATA FELLOW DEDICATED TO COLLECTING, ORGANIZING, ANALYZING, AND INTERPRETING DATA RELATED TO GUN VIOLENCE TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE OFFICE FOR SAFE & HEALTHY NEIGHBORHOODS.

Sponsors: Primary Jessica Green (D-1)

Attachments: [R-166-21 V.1 121621 GUN VIOLENCE DATA FELLOW.pdf](#)
[RES 010 2022.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Peden, seconded by Committee Member Flood, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Paul Callanan, Office of Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

The following was discussed:

- This Resolution is related to a prior request the department made regarding American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds in November 2021.
- The scope of the legislation is for Louisville Metro to share the cost in partnership with Everytown Incorporated, for a Data Fellow for gun safety.
- The role of the Data Fellow will be dedicated to collecting, organizing, analyzing, and interpreting cross-sector data related to gun violence across Louisville Metro.
- The research will allow Louisville Metro to determine whether it uses joint resources collectively, more effectively, and efficiently in efforts to address gun violence.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

3. [R-167-21](#)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT \$699,632 OF FUNDING FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER INTEGRATION INITIATIVE TO COMBAT THE FIREARM CRIME EPIDEMIC IN LOUISVILLE. TO BE ADMINISTERED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Sponsors: Primary Jessica Green (D-1)

Attachments: [R-167-21 V.1 121621 CRIME GUN INTELLIGENCE CENTER INTEGRATION INITIATIVE.pdf](#)
[RES 011 2022.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Peden, seconded by Chair Person Fox, that this Resolution be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Sergeant Curtis Lipsey, Louisville Metro Police Department

The following was discussed:

- This Resolution will direct funding to several areas of the department such as, training teams, purchase of improved ballistics equipment, overtime for forensics supervisors and the firearms intelligence squad.
- This funding will also allow officers to better address the increased volume of gun violence in Louisville Metro.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Resolution was sent to the Consent Calendar.

4. [O-469-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTERS 91 AND 156 TO ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.

Attachments: [O-469-21 SPONSORSHIP WITHDRAWN 020922 AMEND LMCO 91 AND 156 - ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.pdf](#)
[O-469-21 PROPOSED CABS 012622 AMEND LMCO 91 AND 156 - ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.pdf](#)
[O-469-21 V. 1 092321 ENHANCE THE ENFORCEMENT OF ANIMAL LICENSING AND REQUIRE THE MICROCHIPPING OF CATS AND DOGS.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Council Member Purvis
- Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Vice Chair Peden
- Committee Member Parker
- Robbie Howard, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Chief Ozzy Gibson, Louisville Metro Public Safety
- Adam Hamilton, Louisville Metro Animal Services
- Committee Member Shanklin
- Ashley Book, Metro Animal Services
- Committee Member Flood
- Committee Member McCraney
- Council President James

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the intent of the legislation for required animal microchipping and licensing to add another layer of protection and public safety due to stray and lost animals.
- There was a discussion regarding the two-year grace period for owners to microchip and license dogs and cats.
- There were several questions regarding the fee for individuals that are

non-compliant over a 30-day period.

- There were several questions regarding the proposed amended changes to the Ordinance.
- There were several questions regarding how the proposed amendment changes the Ordinance and how it will impact the public.
- There were several questions regarding the differences of the original Ordinance and the proposed amended Ordinance.
- There was a discussion regarding the recent events that prompted the proposed changes to the Ordinance.
- There was a discussion regarding the goal and scope of the legislation to address unlicensed, unvaccinated, and unmicrochipped stray animals and the financial impact to Louisville Metro.
- There were several questions regarding the average number of animal attacks.
- There was a discussion regarding the volume of dogs that Louisville Metro Animal Services microchips.
- There were several questions regarding why cats and ferrets are included in the proposed amendments.
- There were several questions regarding what agency determines a designation of a "dangerous animal" such as a "dangerous dog."
- There were several questions regarding the amount of the fine for non-compliance. The fine starts at \$30 per event.
- There were several questions regarding how these changes may impact the public.
- There were several questions regarding how these changes may impact breeders.
- There was a discussion regarding companion pets.
- There were several questions regarding animals that are microchipped but do not have the owner information in the Louisville Metro Animal Services database.
- There was a discussion regarding dogs being spayed or neutered.
- There were several questions regarding Louisville Metro Animal Services offering microchipping to high volume zip codes, such as, 40216, 40218, 40219, 40272, as well as, 40214, 40215, and 40212.
- There were several questions regarding a universal database for microchipping.
- There was a discussion regarding similar licensing mandates in peer cities.
- There were several questions regarding how the microchip process will be enforced and what the microchip process entails.
- There was a discussion regarding rescue agencies and Louisville Metro Animal Services' staff that have the technology to locate stray animals pets.
- Louisville Metro Animal Services does not provide GPS microchipping, however, the owner information is stored within Louisville Metro Animal Services' database.
- There were several questions regarding the definition of "residential breeder."
- There was a discussion regarding this legislation possibly causing a financial hardship for the public.
- There were several questions regarding Louisville Metro Animal Services raising adoption fees.
- There were several questions regarding possible exemptions and the notification process for Louisville Metro Animal Services.
- There were several questions regarding the data gathered by peer cities with similar legislation in comparison to Louisville Metro.

- There was a discussion regarding possible microchipping events in the high volume neighborhoods mentioned.
- There was a discussion regarding the requirement of animals having their license affixed to a harness or collar at all times as suggested in the proposed amendment.

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

The motion to table carried by a voice vote.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Fox adjourned the meeting at 4:27 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 February 3, 2022.