



# Louisville Metro Government

## Legislation Text

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2016  
A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE LOUISVILLE ZOO'S  
ADOPTION OF ITS 2015 MASTER PLAN.  
Sponsored By: Councilman James Peden**

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Zoo serves a broad regional community and nearly 900,000 annual visitors by providing compelling animal, educational and recreational experiences designed to fulfill the Zoo's mission to better the bond between people and our planet. As the highest attended nonprofit attraction in the region, the Louisville Zoo pledges to remain central to the community's quality of place; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Zoo is accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums and the American Alliance of Museums for its collections, which include the accreditation of the Zoo as a botanical garden; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Zoo is recognized globally as a leader in innovative exhibit design and animal welfare management and home to three award-winning exhibits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Zoo serves as a steward of scientific thinking with award-winning education programs to further develop the skills and knowledge necessary for student success in work and life and inspire a desire for lifelong learning; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Zoo continues to increase its support of local, national and global conservation action and lead the way in critical conservation initiatives like the black-footed ferret recovery program - enhancing the Zoo's model program dedicated to reestablishing North America's most endangered mammal; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Zoo creates new and memorable guest experiences and fosters togetherness while strengthening its role as a key community resource in cultivating a culture of mindfulness and compassion toward wildlife, the environment and each other; and

**WHEREAS**, the Louisville Zoo Proposes a visionary Master Plan to further engage and amaze visitors,

partners and our regional community through breakthrough 21<sup>st</sup> century innovations in exhibtry that lead the profession in excellent animal welfare, inventive educational programming, new initiatives in the survival of species and assuming a key role in nurturing a culture of compassionate caretakers of our planet.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF METRO GOVERNMENT (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION I:** The Metro Council hereby expresses its support for the vision of the Louisville Zoo and the 2015 Master Plan to reinvent our Zoo for the 21st century and remain one of the City's proudest assets.

**SECTION II:** This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

_____ H. Stephen Ott Metro Council Clerk	_____ David Yates President of the Council
_____ Greg Fischer Mayor	_____ Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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