

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2024

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE PLANNING COMMISSION REVIEW THE METRO LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO HOMELESS SHELTERS AND CRISIS SHELTERS (AS AMENDED)

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS JECOREY ARTHUR AND SHAMEKA PARRISH-WRIGHT

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the “Council”) has the authority under KRS 100.211(3) to direct the Planning Commission hold hearings on and make recommendations regarding proposed amendments to the Land Development Code (the “LDC”); and

WHEREAS, during the 2023 January point-in-time count by the Coalition for the Homeless, 581 people were found unsheltered in the streets, compared to 243 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Shelter Access (formerly ‘Single Point of Entry’) office reports that shelters are full each night; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition for the Homeless estimates that nearly 1,600 Louisvillians are experiencing homelessness on any given night, but the city only has 1,000 emergency overnight and transitional shelter beds, leaving 500 to 600 people without a place to stay each night; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to have the Planning Commission consider amendments to the LDC to permit more homeless shelters with Standards instead of requiring Conditional Use Permits and to create an option for temporary Crisis Shelters for when there is a temporary but urgent need for additional shelter space.

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

SECTION I: The Planning Commission should undertake a review of and consider amendments to the current Land Development Code to permit more homeless shelters with Standards instead of requiring Conditional Use Permits and to create an option for temporary Crisis Shelters for when there is a temporary but urgent need for additional shelter space. Such recommendations shall be returned to Council within sixty (60) days of its receipt of this Resolution.

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

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Markus Winkler
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____