

ORDINANCE NO. _____, SERIES 2025

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON
BILLARD PARLORS, GAME ROOMS, AND SIMILAR ENTERTAINMENT
USES IN THE HIGHVIEW PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

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WHEREAS, the Highview Planned Development District (the “PDD”) was adopted in 2017 for a cluster of Highview properties governed by the Town Center Form District containing approximately 170 acres and being in Louisville Metro; and

WHEREAS, the Planned Development Land Use Table includes a number of permitted uses, including Billard Parlors, Game Rooms, and similar Entertainment Uses; and

WHEREAS, changes in state law regarding gaming, including charitable gaming, have lead to an expanded understanding of what constitutes a ‘game room’, resulting in gambling activities now seemingly being permitted in the Highview PDD; and

WHEREAS, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the “Council”) believes that gaming is likely an inappropriate use within the Highview PDD which at minimum warrants further examination and discussion; and

WHEREAS, the Council is concerned with the impact such a use could have on properties inside and outside the Highview PDD; and

WHEREAS, the Council has asked the Planning Commission to review the Highview PDD with regard to Billard Parlors, Game Rooms, and similar Entertainment Uses; and

WHEREAS, while that review takes place, the Council believes it is appropriate to pause applications for such uses within the Highview PDD; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the requested review will take approximately six (6) additional months to complete.

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

SECTION I: There is hereby imposed a moratorium on the acceptance and further processing by the Louisville Metro Office of Planning, Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Planning Commission, and Louisville/Jefferson County Board of Zoning Adjustment of any applications for Billard Parlors, Game Rooms, and similar Entertainment Uses within the Highview Planned Development District. Applications that were scheduled for a public hearing before the Planning Commission or Board of Zoning Adjustment as of the effective date of this Ordinance may continue to be processed and decided upon by those bodies.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law and shall remain in effect for a period of one hundred eighty (180) calendar days after its effective date or once amendments to the Highview PDD are approved by Metro Council, whichever comes first, unless repealed or extended.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Brent Ackerson
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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