

ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_\_, SERIES 2023

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) CHAPTER 42 TO ELIMINATE FEES THAT MAY CREATE AN OBSTACLE TO BENEFICIAL YOUTH ORIENTED PROGRAMS (AS AMENDED).**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS PURVIS, HUDSON, BATSHON, AND ARTHUR**

**WHEREAS**, youth sports provide children with positive activities, enhancing their development, growth and connection to our community;

**WHEREAS**, park fees may create an unnecessary financial burden and obstacle to youth participation in these beneficial activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Louisville Metro Government is to encourage community involvement and provide rewarding opportunities to our youth, this amendment may open the door to children who may otherwise have been unable to participate with a local sports league due to cost.

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

**SECTION I:** The following sections of LMCO Chapter 42 are amended as follows:

**§ 42.33 FEES ASSOCIATED WITH USE OF PARK AND OTHER METRO OWNED PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT.**

(A) *Definitions.* For the purposes of this section of the LMCO, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

**METRO GOVERNMENT EVENT.** Metro Government Event includes the following:

**METRO HELD EVENTS.** Events planned, organized, and presented by Metro Officials on Metro-owned property for educational or informational purposes, even if financial sponsorships are solicited for the event. By way of example, such events include,

but are not limited to, townhall meetings and educational sessions on health or public safety.

***METRO SPONSORED EVENTS.*** Annual entertainment events held by non-Metro organizations on Metro-owned property, with sponsorship by a Metro Official, even if financial sponsorships from entities other than a Metro Official are solicited for the event. By way of example, such events include, but are not limited to, festivals, concerts, or art fairs.

***METRO OFFICIAL.*** Metro Official includes the following:

- (1) The Office of the Mayor, including the Department directors directly attached to the Office of the Mayor;
- (2) Any member of the Louisville Metro Council.

**NONPROFIT CORPORATION.** A corporation for which no part of the income or profit is distributable to its members, directors, or officers.

**YOUTH SPORTS LEAGUES.** Non-scholastic youth sports leagues offered exclusively for the benefit of children under the age of 19.

(B) Louisville Metro Government may charge reasonable fees associated with the use of any Metro-owned property and equipment, including but not limited to rental fees for park equipment such as stages, bleachers, audio visual equipment, permit fees, or fees required for additional security for the event.

(C) No fees authorized under subsection (A~~B~~) shall be required for any Metro Government Event held in a Metro-owned park or on other Metro-owned property.

(D) Any Metro Official seeking to use Metro-owned property or equipment for any other purpose other than a Metro Government Event shall be subject to and responsible for

payment of all applicable fees associated with the use of Metro-owned property and equipment.

(E) No fees authorized under subsection (B) shall be required for the use of Metro owned parks by Nonprofit Corporations utilizing such locations and facilities for the exclusive benefit of a Youth Sports League. This section shall not apply to unaffiliated, individual teams that are not members in good standing with a defined and recognized youth sports league.

**SECTION II:** This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law. The provisions of this amendment shall expire on September 1, 2023.

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Metro Council Clerk

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Markus Winkler  
President of the Council

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

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