



Louisville Metro Government

Meeting Agenda – Final

Public Safety Committee

March 19, 2025

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- 4. O-209-24** AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 124 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS ON LICENSING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNARMED SECURITY OFFICERS, AND AMENDING LMCO SECTIONS 124.01, 124.05, 124.08, 124.10, AND 124.99 REGARDING ARMED SECURITY OFFICERS, WITH LMCO SECTIONS 124.21 to 124.33 TO BE KNOWN AS CHRISTOPHER’S LAW. (AS AMENDED)

3/19/25 Public Safety Committee Expired

3/5/25 Public Safety Committee Held

2/5/25 Public Safety Committee Held

12/4/24 Public Safety Committee Amended; Motion for Financial Impact Statement; Tabled

10/30/24 Public Safety Committee Held

9/25/24 Public Safety Committee Tabled

Action Required By: March 19, 2025

Sponsors:

ORDINANCE NO. _____, SERIES 2025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 124 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) TO CREATE NEW SECTIONS ON LICENSING AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR UNARMED SECURITY OFFICERS, AND AMENDING LMCO SECTIONS 124.01, 124.05, 124.08, 124.10, AND 124.99 REGARDING ARMED SECURITY OFFICERS, WITH LMCO SECTIONS 124.21 TO 124.33 TO BE KNOWN AS CHRISTOPHER’S LAW. (AS AMENDED)

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBERS CHAPPELL, RUHE,
AND PARRISH-WRIGHT**

WHEREAS, the safety and security of all residents, visitors, and businesses in Louisville Metro are of paramount importance to the community; and

WHEREAS, unarmed security personnel play a crucial role in maintaining public safety and providing a visible deterrent to crime; and

WHEREAS, adequately trained and licensed unarmed security personnel can effectively de-escalate potentially volatile situations, thereby reducing the need for intervention by armed law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, unarmed security personnel who are properly trained in conflict resolution and emergency response can enhance the overall safety and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, untrained security guards put themselves at risk without proper training; and

WHEREAS, licensing of unarmed security personnel ensures that individuals meet minimum standards of competency and conduct, thereby fostering public trust and accountability; and

WHEREAS, uniform training standards for unarmed security personnel can help ensure consistency in the quality of services provided across Louisville Metro; and

WHEREAS, requiring unarmed security personnel to undergo background checks as part of the licensing process can help prevent individuals with a history of criminal activity or misconduct from being employed in security roles; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities across the United States, such as Denver, CO, Greenville, NC, and San Diego, CA, have successfully implemented training and licensing requirements for unarmed security personnel, resulting in improved public safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro is committed to adopting best practices in public safety to protect and serve its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Louisville already has established guidelines regarding armed security guards in LMCO Chapter 124.

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

SECTION I: The title of LMCO Chapter 124 is amended to read “Security Officers” and is amended to include the subtitles specified herein:

Sections 124.01 to 124.12 should appear under the subtitle “**Armed Security Officers**,” and the newly-created sections 124.21 to 124.33 should appear under “**Unarmed Security Officers/Christopher’s Law**”

SECTION II: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.21 Definitions

For the purposes of §§124.21 to 124.32, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

AGENCY PROVIDING UNARMED SECURITY. Any person, firm, company, partnership or corporation, or any other entity in the business of furnishing the services of unarmed security officers in Louisville Metro.

COMPANY EMPLOYING UNARMED SECURITY. Any business entity which employs an unarmed security officer to perform the services of unarmed security officers solely for that entity, and not for hire by any other company.

DIRECTOR. The Director of the Department of Specialty Permits and Licenses within the Louisville Metro Government Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator's Office or its successor, or any duly authorized representative or successor who is charged with the administration and enforcement of the unarmed security officer ordinances of this subchapter.

LICENSE. A document issued by the Director to an unarmed security officer, or agency providing unarmed security, as proof of meeting all requirements of this subchapter.

REGISTRATION. A document issued by the Director to a company employing unarmed security as proof of meeting all requirements of this subchapter.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT. A document issued by Louisville Metro Emergency Services' Office of Special Events or its successor to applicants holding events which require the use of Metro services or Metro property.

UNARMED SECURITY OFFICER. Persons who are hired by non-governmental entities to ~~preserve the peace and prevent disorder~~ perform one or more unarmed security services as their primary responsibility, but do not possess a firearm in the course of their work. No Unarmed Security Officer who engages in security services under this subchapter shall be considered a law enforcement or public peace officer unless so qualified by state statute.

UNARMED SECURITY SERVICES. Performing at least one of the following for a fee:

- (1) Observing, investigating, or reporting unlawful activity;
- (2) Preventing or detecting theft or misappropriation of goods, money, or other items of value;
- (3) Protecting other individuals from harm;
- (4) Protecting property from harm or misappropriation;
- (5) Possessing authority to physically detain or eject persons from a premises; or
- (6) Controlling access to a protected premises without the authority to physically detain or eject persons, except:
 - (a) When the individual's primary responsibility is described as ticket vendor, ticket taker, usher, door attendant, or parking attendant;
 - (b) When performing security checks as a prerequisite to entry into a premises by wand, scanning, or searching people or their property to prevent the introduction of weapons onto the premises while at least one other person on-site is licensed under this section or LMCO 124.05 for every ten or fewer unlicensed persons controlling access to that protected premises; or
 - (c) When the individual's primary responsibility is directing the flow of vehicles or persons on private property.

SECTION III: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.22 Licensing and Registration Requirements, Exemption

(A) Every agency providing unarmed security shall obtain a license from the Director under § 124.23 before commencing agency business in Louisville Metro, and shall renew that license every 5 years under that section.

(B) Every company employing unarmed security shall register with the Director ~~and comply with the insurance provisions of § 124.24 of this subchapter.~~

(C) Every unarmed security officer, except those exempted under § 124.25(F), shall obtain a license from the Director prior to rendering any services as an unarmed security officer, and shall renew that license every 5 years.

(D) At all times while on duty or otherwise working as an unarmed security officer, every unarmed security officer shall carry a valid license, and such license shall be subject to inspection by any law enforcement officer or by any other Metro Government official designated by the Director.

(E) No agency providing unarmed security or company employing unarmed security shall employ unarmed security officers who are not licensed by the Director.

SECTION IV: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.23 Agency License Application to Provide Unarmed Security; Issuance.

(A) The following information shall be required when applying for an agency license to provide unarmed security:

(1) Corporations shall provide the name and address of the corporation with the names, addresses and either the social security numbers or complete sets of fingerprints of the incorporators, Board of Directors and officers.

(2) A sole proprietorship or partnership shall provide the names, addresses, and either the social security numbers or complete sets of fingerprints of the sole proprietor or each partner, whether limited partnership or otherwise.

(3) In order to be eligible for an agency license to provide unarmed security, each of the persons identified pursuant to subsections (A)(1) and (2) above must meet the following qualifications:

(a) Be citizens of the United States, or legal resident aliens of the United States;

(b) Have attained the age of 21;

(c) Not have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the United States military;

(d) Not have been convicted of or currently under indictment for any of the following: an offense for which the person is deemed a “violent offender” as listed in KRS 439.3401(1) or an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state; or a felony; impersonation of a law enforcement officer or employee of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof; ~~the illegal use, sale or possession of a controlled substance as defined in KRS Chapter 218A; or any crime of moral turpitude.~~ An applicant shall have satisfied this requirement if, in those instances where the foregoing offense was a misdemeanor, conviction occurred at least two years prior to application for the license; or, in those instances where the offense was a felony, the applicant has been granted a pardon or has had his/her civil rights restored; and

(e) Has not been adjudged mentally incompetent by federal court or court of any state or political subdivision, or if so adjudicated, such adjudication has been set aside for fraud or error;

~~(f) Has not been hospitalized for psychiatric treatment or for drug or alcohol abuse treatment within the past two years, or if so hospitalized, will provide a written statement from a licensed and qualified physician or clinical psychologist verifying that he or she is mentally and emotionally fit for the duties of an unarmed security officer.~~

~~(4) The applicants must provide evidence of insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, naming the proposed agency to provide unarmed security as insured in the amount of \$100,000 property damages, \$1,000,000 for injury of death of one person, and \$3,000,000 for injury of death of more than one person per incident arising out of the operation of such agency. An agency providing the Director with demonstrable proof that the proposed agency to provide unarmed security has sufficient assets to indemnify itself against liability to the extent listed above shall be deemed to be in compliance with this subsection.~~

(B) Within 60 days after receipt of all information necessary for the completion of the application, the Director shall issue a license to the applicant, notify the applicant of the denial of the license application, or notify the applicant of an application deficiency. Failure by the applicant to provide the necessary application information required by this subchapter within 14 days of notice of a deficiency by the Director shall result in denial of the application.

(C) The Director shall issue a license to any applicant who meets the qualifications set forth in this subchapter; however, no license shall be issued upon a finding by the Director of any of the following:

(1) The applicant, or any person required to be identified in the application under this section, has committed any act which if committed by a licensee, would be grounds for the revocation of a license under this unarmed security subchapter;

(2) That while unlicensed, an applicant or any person required to be identified in the application knowingly and willingly engaged in the business of providing the services of unarmed security officers;

(3) The existence of a material misstatement or omission in the application for a license; or

(4) The applicant uses any designation or trade name which implies, in the opinion of the Director, an association with any municipal, county, state, or federal government or any agency thereof.

(D) The Director, when satisfied of the applying agency's compliance with this subchapter, shall issue a license ~~fee~~ upon payment of a \$100 nonrefundable initial license fee.

(1) The initial agency license to provide unarmed security officers shall be valid for a period of ~~one year~~ five years, and shall be renewable ~~annually in five-year intervals~~ upon submission of a new application, and the payment of the \$100-25 license fee, ~~and posting of insurance in accordance with requirements of this subchapter.~~

(2) Within 72 hours after receipt of the agency's license, the agency shall cause such certificate to be posted and to be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place in the principal office of the agency within Louisville Metro.

(3) No license issued to an agency to provide unarmed security in accordance with the terms of this subchapter shall be transferable.

(E) The authority conferred upon an agency providing unarmed security by a license shall cease immediately upon its revocation. Each license shall be surrendered to the Director within 72 hours after it has been revoked or after the agency providing unarmed security ceases to do business. If, however, the Director or a court of competent jurisdiction has before it any matter relating to the renewal, revocation, or transfer of an agency license, the agency shall not be required to surrender the certificate until the matter has been adjudicated and all appeals have been exhausted.

(F) Any agency whose license to provide unarmed security is suspended or revoked by the Director may request a hearing before the Director in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 124.31 of this subchapter.

SECTION V: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.24 Registration of Companies Employing Unarmed Security.

~~(A) In order to receive a company registration as required by LMCO 124.22(B), an applicant must provide evidence of insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, naming the company employing unarmed security as insured in the amount of \$100,000 property damages, \$1,000,000 for injury or death of~~

~~one person, and \$3,000,000 for injury or death of more than one person per incident arising out of the employment of unarmed security officers. A company providing the Director with demonstrable proof that the company has sufficient assets to indemnify itself against liability to the extent listed above shall be deemed to be in compliance with this subsection. A company employing unarmed security shall register annually with the Director by providing a list of employees serving as unarmed security for the company.~~

(B) Within 72 hours after receipt of the company's registration, the company employing unarmed security shall cause such registration to be posted and to be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place in the principal office of the company within Louisville Metro.

(C) The authority conferred upon a company employing unarmed security by registration shall cease immediately upon its revocation. Each registration shall be surrendered to the Director within 72 hours after it has been revoked or after the company ceases to do business. If, however, the Director or a court of competent jurisdiction has before it any matter relating to the renewal, revocation, or transfer of company registration, the company employing unarmed security shall not be required to surrender the registration until the matter has been adjudicated and all appeals have been exhausted.

(D) Any company employing unarmed security whose registration is suspended or revoked by the Director may request a hearing before the Director in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 124.31 of this subchapter.

SECTION VI: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.25 Unarmed Security Officer's License.

(A) Each applicant for an unarmed security officer's license shall provide the following information on the application:

- (1) Name, address, phone number, date of birth, and either social security number or a complete set of fingerprints;
- (2) All prior residences for the last five years;
- (3) Record of military service, if any; and
- (4) Any other information deemed necessary by the Director.

(B) To be eligible for an unarmed security officer's license issued by the Director, an applicant shall meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident alien of the United States;
- (2) Be at least 21 years old;

(3) Not have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the United States military;

(4) Not have been convicted of or currently under indictment for any of the following: an offense for which the person is deemed a "violent offender" as listed in KRS 439.3401(1) or an equivalent offense under federal law or the laws of another state; or a felony; impersonation of a law enforcement officer or employee of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; ~~the illegal use, sale or possession of a controlled substance as defined in KRS Chapter 218A; or any crime of moral turpitude.~~ An applicant shall have satisfied this requirement if, in those instances where the foregoing offense was a misdemeanor, conviction occurred at least two years prior to application for the license; or, in those instances where the offense was a felony, the applicant has been granted a pardon or has had his or her civil rights restored;

(5) Have not been adjudged mentally incompetent or currently under charge thereof, by a federal court or court of any state or political subdivision, or if so adjudicated, such adjudication has been set aside for fraud or error; and

~~(6) Have not been hospitalized for psychiatric treatment or for drug or alcohol abuse treatment within the past two years, or if so hospitalized, will provide a written statement from a licensed and qualified physician or clinical psychologist verifying that he or she is mentally and emotionally fit for the duties of an unarmed security officer; and~~

~~(7)~~ (6) Have successfully completed an approved training course in conformity with § 124.28 of this subchapter at any time prior to applying.

(C) Within 30 days after receipt of all information necessary for the completion of the application, the Director shall issue a license to the applicant, or notify the applicant of the denial of the license application, or notify the applicant of an application deficiency. Failure by the applicant to provide the necessary application information required by this subchapter within 14 days of notice of a deficiency by the Director shall result in denial of the application.

(D) The Director shall issue a license to any applicant who meets the qualifications set forth in this subchapter upon payment of a \$25 license fee; however, the Director shall deny a license to any applicant upon a finding by the Director of any of the following:

(1) The applicant individual has committed any act, which if committed by a licensee, would be grounds for the revocation or suspension of a license under this subchapter;

(2) That while unlicensed, an applicant knowingly and willfully provided services as an unarmed security officer;

(3) The applicant made a material misstatement or omission in the application for a license.

~~(E) No license issued to an unarmed security officer in accordance with the terms of this subchapter shall be transferable to another individual. A license issued to an unarmed security officer under this subchapter shall be valid for a period of five years, and shall not be transferable to another individual.~~

(F) (1) Persons who, at the time of their employment as unarmed security officers, are also qualified under one of the following categories are not required to be licensed by the Director in order to perform as unarmed security officers:

(a) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government and who have completed within one year of their employment as sworn police officers a basic training course of at least 400 hours duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council;

(b) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government in the state of Indiana who have completed at least 400 of hours of officer training certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; or

(c) Individuals who meet the provisions of the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. sec. 926C; or

(d) Any person who performs airport pre-departure screening services regulated by the Federal Aviation Administration or the Transportation Security Administration, while engaged in the performance of their official duties.

~~(2) Nothing in this section shall relieve any agency or company which employs sworn police officers as unarmed security officers from its responsibility to comply with the insurance provisions as set forth in § 124.23 or 124.24 of this subchapter. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt from the licensing requirements of this subchapter any unarmed security officer who is specially commissioned as a peace officer pursuant to KRS 61.360, KRS 61.900 or KRS 95.160.~~

(G) The Director may suspend or revoke any license issued under this subchapter if it is found that the licensee has:

(1) Made any false statement or given any false information in connection with a request for a license under this subchapter; or

(2) After issuance of a license, becomes ineligible or failed to meet the requirements of this subchapter to be an unarmed security officer.

(H) (1) The authority conferred upon an unarmed security officer by a license under this subchapter shall cease immediately upon suspension or revocation of such license.

(2) Upon the suspension or the revocation of any unarmed security officer's license, the Director shall provide written notice to the agency or company employing the individual of the suspension or revocation. The notice shall advise the agency or company

that further employment of that individual is violative of this subchapter and shall set forth the penalties for such violation.

(3) Any unarmed security officer whose license is suspended or revoked by the Director may request a hearing before the Director in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 124.31 of this subchapter. Each license issued to an unarmed security officer shall be surrendered to the Director within 72 hours after it has been suspended, revoked or denied.

SECTION VII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.26 Approval of Uniform, Badge, Patch and Insignia.

The type, color and style of uniforms, badges, patches and shield insignia worn by unarmed security officers shall be approved by the Director to ensure that the uniform will not deceive or confuse the public or be identified with that of any law enforcement officer of the federal, state or local government.

SECTION VIII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.27 Prohibited Activities.

No person licensed as an unarmed security officer and while on duty as such may use police radios; flashing, rotating, oscillating or colored lights, or; bells, whistles or sirens, upon any motor vehicle unless authorized to do so by the Director.

SECTION IX: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.28 Approval of Training Courses.

(A) In order to receive a license as an unarmed security officer, an applicant must successfully complete a course from a training program recognized by the Director and having a curriculum including the following subjects:

- (1) Orientation (introduction to the course) and note taking;
- (2) Fire prevention and control;
- (3) Legal basis for security and rights of security officers, limitations;
- (4) Basic law pertaining to criminal justice and the Kentucky Penal Code;
- (5) Criminal law and security officer arrest, force, search and seizure;
- (6) Report writing;
- (7) Crowd control;

(8) First aid and special problems; and

(9) De-escalation techniques and defensive tactics.

(B) The course shall provide for the administration of a written examination.

SECTION X: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.29 Revenue Commission Requirements.

(A) Nothing herein shall relieve any agency providing unarmed security or unarmed security officer from obtaining from the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Revenue Commission any occupational license required by law for the operation of such business.

(B) No license shall be granted to any agency providing unarmed security or any unarmed security officer who is delinquent in the payment of any taxes due to the Louisville Metro Government at the time of issuing the license.

SECTION XI: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.30 Enforcement; Administrative Procedures.

(A) The Director is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this subchapter, and violations may be subject to both civil and criminal penalties as provided in §124.99. The civil fines imposed under this subchapter may be recovered in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender does not pay the penalty within a prescribed period of time after being cited for a violation.

(B) Except for persons or entities holding a valid Special Event Permit, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, partnership, or corporation to hire an agency providing unarmed security or unarmed security officer for security purposes if the unarmed security officer or agency providing unarmed security is not in compliance with this subchapter.

(C) The Director shall develop appropriate procedures for the efficient administration of this subchapter. All procedures and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Mayor for his or her approval. Unless the Mayor expressly rejects the proposed procedures in writing within 30 days of submission, the procedures shall become effective on the 31st day after submission to the Mayor.

SECTION XII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.31 Hearings Before The Director.

(A) An agency providing unarmed security, company employing unarmed security, or unarmed security officer adversely affected by a decision of the Director may appeal the denial, suspension or revocation of a license or registration, or the disapproval of a

training program for unarmed security officers, by submitting a written request within ten days of the effective date of the adverse action by the Director. The Director shall conduct a hearing within 20 days of the request and may affirm, modify or reverse his or her initial decision. The Director's final decision shall be based upon substantial evidence presented at the hearing that a licensee, registrant, applicant or officer has:

(1) Failed to comply with the restriction, requirements and conditions of this subchapter or with such procedures as have been enacted by the Director pursuant to § 124.30 of this subchapter ; or

(2) Knowingly provided false information to gain or to maintain a license or registration under this subchapter.

(B) At least ten days in advance of the hearing, notice shall be served upon the licensee, registrant, applicant, or officer at the address listed for them on their license, registration or application. Service of notice shall be deemed complete upon certified mailing with return receipt requested. At the hearing, the Director shall afford the licensee, registrant, applicant, or officer an opportunity to be represented by an attorney, to present evidence, to cross-examine adverse witnesses, and otherwise to rebut the evidence against the appellant. Within ten days after the hearing, the Director shall publish his or her final decision of the issue or issues on appeal.

(C) The final decision of the Director shall be determinative of the issues raised in the appeal but the Director's decision may be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction. During the pendency of any such judicial appeal, the Director's final decision shall be enforced unless otherwise ordered by the court.

SECTION XIII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.32 Notice.

Any notice required by this subchapter shall be effective three days after mailing U.S. postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, to a licensee at the licensee's last known address.

SECTION XIV: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.33 Title.

The provisions of §§ 124.21 to 124.33 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances shall be known as Christopher's Law.

SECTION XV: Section 124.99 of LMCO is amended as follows:

§ 124.99 PENALTY.

(A) ~~Agencies convicted or violating~~ found to have violated §§ 124.02(A) or 124.22(A) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) ~~Companies convicted or violating~~ found to have violated §§ 124.02(B), 124.22(B), or 124.04, or 124.24 shall be civilly fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(C) For a person violating 124.02(C) or 124.22(C):

(1) A first offense shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500;

(2) A second offense shall be classified as a criminal violation in accordance with KRS 534.040 and the person shall be fined no more than \$250; and

(3) A third offense shall be classified as a Class B misdemeanor and the person shall be sentenced to either no more than 90 days in jail, or a fine of no more than \$250, or both.

(D) Persons violating §124.02(D) or 124.22 (D) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

(E) Agencies or companies convicted of violating found to have violated §§ 124.02(E) or 124.22(E) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

~~(D) Persons convicted of violating § 124.02(C) or (D) shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.~~

~~(F)~~ (F) Persons, firms, companies, partnerships, or corporations ~~convicted of violating~~ found to have violated §§ 124.10(A) and (B) or 124.30(B) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION XVI: Section 124.01 of LMCO is amended in relevant part as follows:

DIRECTOR. The Director of the Department of ~~Codes and Regulations~~ Specialty Permits and Licenses within the Louisville Metro Government Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator's Office or its successor, or any duly authorized representative who is charged with the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

SECTION XVII: Section 124.05(H) of LMCO is amended as follows:

~~(H) Persons who, at the time of their employment as armed security officers, are also sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government and who have completed within one year of their employment as sworn police officers a basic training course of at least 400 hours duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky~~

~~Law Enforcement Council are not required to be licensed by the Director in order to perform as armed security officers.~~

(H) (1) Persons who, at the time of their employment as armed security officers, are also qualified under one of the following categories are not required to be licensed by the Director in order to perform as armed security officers:

(a) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government and who have completed within one year of their employment as sworn police officers a basic training course of at least 400 hours duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council;

(b) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government in the state of Indiana who have completed at least 400 of hours of officer training certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; or

(c) Individuals who meet the provisions of the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. sec. 926C.

(2) Nothing herein shall relieve any agency or company, which employs sworn police officers as armed security officers from its responsibility to comply with the insurance provisions as set forth in § 124.04 of this chapter. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt from the licensing requirements of this chapter any armed security officer who is specially commissioned as a peace officer pursuant to KRS 61.360, KRS 61.900 or KRS 95.160.

SECTION XVIII: Section 124.08 of LMCO is amended as follows:

(A) In order to receive a license as an armed security officer, an applicant must successfully complete a course from a training program recognized by the Director having a curriculum including the following subjects:

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(9) Defensive tactics, alternatives to the use of firearms, de-escalation techniques; and

(10) Firearms qualification.

(B) The course shall provide for the administration of a written examination and for qualification on the firing range.

SECTION XIX: Section 124.09 is amended as follows:

(A) Nothing herein shall relieve any agency or armed security officer from obtaining from the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Revenue Commission any occupational license provided for or hereafter to be provided for by law for the operation of such business.

(B) No license shall be granted to any agency providing unarmed security or any unarmed security officer who is delinquent in the payment of any taxes due to the Louisville Metro Government at the time of issuing the license.

SECTION XX: Section 124.10(A) is amended in relevant part as follows:

(A) The Director is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this chapter, and violations may be subject to both civil and criminal penalties as provided in §124.99. The civil fines imposed under this subchapter may be recovered in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender does not pay the penalty within a prescribed period of time after being cited for a violation.

SECTION XXI: This Ordinance shall take effect ~~upon~~ on July 1, 2025 after its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

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
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WHEREAS, unarmed security personnel play a crucial role in maintaining public safety and providing a visible deterrent to crime; and

WHEREAS, adequately trained and licensed unarmed security personnel can effectively de-escalate potentially volatile situations, thereby reducing the need for intervention by armed law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, unarmed security personnel who are properly trained in conflict resolution and emergency response can enhance the overall safety and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, untrained security guards put themselves at risk without proper training; and

WHEREAS, licensing of unarmed security personnel ensures that individuals meet minimum standards of competency and conduct, thereby fostering public trust and accountability; and

WHEREAS, uniform training standards for unarmed security personnel can help ensure consistency in the quality of services provided across Louisville Metro; and

WHEREAS, requiring unarmed security personnel to undergo background checks as part of the licensing process can help prevent individuals with a history of criminal activity or misconduct from being employed in security roles; and

WHEREAS, many municipalities across the United States, such as Denver, CO, Greenville, NC, and San Diego, CA, have successfully implemented training and licensing requirements for unarmed security personnel, resulting in improved public safety outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro is committed to adopting best practices in public safety to protect and serve its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Louisville already has established guidelines regarding armed security guards in LMCO Chapter 124.

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

SECTION I: The title of LMCO Chapter 124 is amended to read “Security Officers” and is amended to include the subtitles specified herein:

Sections 124.01 to 124.12 should appear under the subtitle “**Armed Security Officers**,” and the newly-created sections 124.21 to 124.33 should appear under “**Unarmed Security Officers/Christopher’s Law**”

SECTION II: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.21 Definitions

For the purposes of §§124.21 to 124.32, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

AGENCY PROVIDING UNARMED SECURITY. Any person, firm, company, partnership or corporation, or any other entity in the business of furnishing the services of unarmed security officers in Louisville Metro.

COMPANY EMPLOYING UNARMED SECURITY. Any business entity which employs an unarmed security officer to perform the services of unarmed security officers solely for that entity, and not for hire by any other company.

DIRECTOR. The Director of the Department of Specialty Permits and Licenses within the Louisville Metro Government Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator's Office or its successor, or any duly authorized representative or successor who is charged with the administration and enforcement of the unarmed security officer ordinances of this subchapter.

LICENSE. A document issued by the Director to an unarmed security officer, or agency providing unarmed security, as proof of meeting all requirements of this subchapter.

REGISTRATION. A document issued by the Director to a company employing unarmed security as proof of meeting all requirements of this subchapter.

SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT. A document issued by Louisville Metro Emergency Services' Office of Special Events or its successor to applicants holding events which require the use of Metro services or Metro property.

UNARMED SECURITY OFFICER. Persons who are hired by non-governmental entities to preserve the peace and prevent disorder, but do not possess a firearm in the course of their work. No Unarmed Security Officer who engages in security services under this subchapter shall be considered a law enforcement or public peace officer unless so qualified by state statute.

SECTION III: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.22 Licensing and Registration Requirements, Exemption

(A) Every agency providing unarmed security shall obtain a license from the Director under § 124.23 before commencing agency business in Louisville Metro.

(B) Every company employing unarmed security shall register with the Director and comply with the insurance provisions of § 124.24 of this subchapter.

(C) Every unarmed security officer, except those exempted under § 124.25(F), shall obtain a license from the Director prior to rendering any services as an unarmed security officer.

(D) At all times while on duty or otherwise working as an unarmed security officer, every unarmed security officer shall carry a valid license, and such license shall be subject to inspection by any law enforcement officer or by any other Metro Government official designated by the Director.

(E) No agency providing unarmed security or company employing unarmed security shall employ unarmed security officers who are not licensed by the Director.

SECTION IV: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.23 Agency License Application to Provide Unarmed Security; Issuance.

(A) The following information shall be required when applying for an agency license to provide unarmed security:

(1) Corporations shall provide the name and address of the corporation with the names, addresses and either the social security numbers or complete sets of fingerprints of the incorporators, Board of Directors and officers.

(2) A sole proprietorship or partnership shall provide the names, addresses, and either the social security numbers or complete sets of fingerprints of the sole proprietor or each partner, whether limited partnership or otherwise.

(3) In order to be eligible for an agency license to provide unarmed security, each of the persons identified pursuant to subsections (A)(1) and (2) above must meet the following qualifications:

(a) Be citizens of the United States, or legal resident aliens of the United States;

(b) Have attained the age of 21;

(c) Not have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the United States military;

(d) Not have been convicted of or currently under indictment for any of the following: a felony; impersonation of a law enforcement officer or employee of the United States, or any political subdivision thereof; the illegal use, sale or possession of a controlled substance as defined in KRS Chapter 218A; or any crime of moral turpitude. An applicant shall have satisfied this requirement if, in those instances where the foregoing offense was a misdemeanor, conviction occurred at least two years prior to application for the license; or, in those instances where the offense was a felony, the applicant has been granted a pardon or has had his/her civil rights restored;

(e) Has not been adjudged mentally incompetent by federal court or court of any state or political subdivision, or if so adjudicated, such adjudication has been set aside for fraud or error;

(f) Has not been hospitalized for psychiatric treatment or for drug or alcohol abuse treatment within the past two years, or if so hospitalized, will provide a written

statement from a licensed and qualified physician or clinical psychologist verifying that he or she is mentally and emotionally fit for the duties of an unarmed security officer.

(4) The applicants must provide evidence of insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, naming the proposed agency to provide unarmed security as insured in the amount of \$100,000 property damages, \$1,000,000 for injury of death of one person, and \$3,000,000 for injury of death of more than one person per incident arising out of the operation of such agency. An agency providing the Director with demonstrable proof that the proposed agency to provide unarmed security has sufficient assets to indemnify itself against liability to the extent listed above shall be deemed to be in compliance with this subsection.

(B) Within 60 days after receipt of all information necessary for the completion of the application, the Director shall issue a license to the applicant, notify the applicant of the denial of the license application, or notify the applicant of an application deficiency. Failure by the applicant to provide the necessary application information required by this subchapter within 14 days of notice of a deficiency by the Director shall result in denial of the application.

(C) The Director shall issue a license to any applicant who meets the qualifications set forth in this subchapter; however, no license shall be issued upon a finding by the Director of any of the following:

(1) The applicant, or any person required to be identified in the application under this section, has committed any act which if committed by a licensee, would be grounds for the revocation of a license under this unarmed security subchapter;

(2) That while unlicensed, an applicant or any person required to be identified in the application knowingly and willingly engaged in the business of providing the services of unarmed security officers;

(3) The existence of a material misstatement or omission in the application for a license; or

(4) The applicant uses any designation or trade name which implies, in the opinion of the Director, an association with any municipal, county, state, or federal government or any agency thereof.

(D) The Director, when satisfied of the applying agency's compliance with this subchapter, shall issue a license fee upon payment of a \$100 nonrefundable license fee.

(1) The agency license to provide unarmed security officers shall be valid for a period of one year, and shall be renewable annually upon submission of a new application, the payment of the \$100 license fee, and posting of insurance in accordance with requirements of this subchapter.

(2) Within 72 hours after receipt of the agency's license, the agency shall cause such certificate to be posted and to be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place in the principal office of the agency within Louisville Metro.

(3) No license issued to an agency to provide unarmed security in accordance with the terms of this subchapter shall be transferable.

(E) The authority conferred upon an agency providing unarmed security by a license shall cease immediately upon its revocation. Each license shall be surrendered to the Director within 72 hours after it has been revoked or after the agency providing unarmed security ceases to do business. If, however, the Director or a court of competent jurisdiction has before it any matter relating to the renewal, revocation, or transfer of an agency license, the agency shall not be required to surrender the certificate until the matter has been adjudicated and all appeals have been exhausted.

(F) Any agency whose license to provide unarmed security is suspended or revoked by the Director may request a hearing before the Director in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 124.31 of this subchapter.

SECTION V: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.24 Registration of Companies Employing Unarmed Security.

(A) In order to receive a company registration as required by LMCO 124.22(B), an applicant must provide evidence of insurance issued by an insurer authorized to do business in this Commonwealth, naming the company employing unarmed security as insured in the amount of \$100,000 property damages, \$1,000,000 for injury or death of one person, and \$3,000,000 for injury or death of more than one person per incident arising out of the employment of unarmed security officers. A company providing the Director with demonstrable proof that the company has sufficient assets to indemnify itself against liability to the extent listed above shall be deemed to be in compliance with this subsection.

(B) Within 72 hours after receipt of the company's registration, the company employing unarmed security shall cause such registration to be posted and to be displayed at all times in a conspicuous place in the principal office of the company within Louisville Metro.

(C) The authority conferred upon a company employing unarmed security by registration shall cease immediately upon its revocation. Each registration shall be surrendered to the Director within 72 hours after it has been revoked or after the company ceases to do business. If, however, the Director or a court of competent jurisdiction has before it any matter relating to the renewal, revocation, or transfer of company registration, the company employing unarmed security shall not be required to surrender the registration until the matter has been adjudicated and all appeals have been exhausted.

(D) Any company employing unarmed security whose registration is suspended or revoked by the Director may request a hearing before the Director in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 124.31 of this subchapter.

SECTION VI: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.25 Unarmed Security Officer's License.

(A) Each applicant for an unarmed security officer's license shall provide the following information on the application:

- (1) Name, address, phone number, date of birth, and either social security number or a complete set of fingerprints;
- (2) All prior residences for the last five years;
- (3) Record of military service, if any; and
- (4) Any other information deemed necessary by the Director.

(B) To be eligible for an unarmed security officer's license issued by the Director, an applicant shall meet the following qualifications:

- (1) Be a citizen of the United States or a legal resident alien of the United States;
- (2) Be at least 21 years old;
- (3) Not have been dishonorably discharged from any branch of the United States military;
- (4) Not have been convicted of or currently under indictment for any of the following: a felony; impersonation of a law enforcement officer or employee of the United States or any political subdivision thereof; the illegal use, sale or possession of a controlled substance as defined in KRS Chapter 218A; or any crime of moral turpitude. An applicant shall have satisfied this requirement if, in those instances where the foregoing offense was a misdemeanor, conviction occurred at least two years prior to application for the license; or, in those instances where the offense was a felony, the applicant has been granted a pardon or has had his or her civil rights restored;
- (5) Have not been adjudged mentally incompetent or currently under charge thereof, by a federal court or court of any state or political subdivision, or if so adjudicated, such adjudication has been set aside for fraud or error;
- (6) Have not been hospitalized for psychiatric treatment or for drug or alcohol abuse treatment within the past two years, or if so hospitalized, will provide a written

statement from a licensed and qualified physician or clinical psychologist verifying that he or she is mentally and emotionally fit for the duties of an unarmed security officer; and

(7) Have successfully completed an approved training course in conformity with § 124.28 of this subchapter.

(C) Within 30 days after receipt of all information necessary for the completion of the application, the Director shall issue a license to the applicant, or notify the applicant of the denial of the license application, or notify the applicant of an application deficiency. Failure by the applicant to provide the necessary application information required by this subchapter within 14 days of notice of a deficiency by the Director shall result in denial of the application.

(D) The Director shall issue a license to any applicant who meets the qualifications set forth in this subchapter; however, the Director shall deny a license to any applicant upon a finding by the Director of any of the following:

(1) The applicant individual has committed any act, which if committed by a licensee, would be grounds for the revocation or suspension of a license under this subchapter;

(2) That while unlicensed, an applicant knowingly and willfully provided services as an unarmed security officer;

(3) The applicant made a material misstatement or omission in the application for a license.

(E) No license issued to an unarmed security officer in accordance with the terms of this subchapter shall be transferable to another individual.

(F) (1) Persons who, at the time of their employment as unarmed security officers, are also qualified under one of the following categories are not required to be licensed by the Director in order to perform as unarmed security officers:

(a) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government and who have completed within one year of their employment as sworn police officers a basic training course of at least 400 hours duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council;

(b) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government in the state of Indiana who have completed at least 400 of hours of officer training certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; or

(c) Individuals who meet the provisions of the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. sec. 926C.

(2) Nothing in this section shall relieve any agency or company which employs sworn police officers as unarmed security officers from its responsibility to comply with the insurance provisions as set forth in § 124.23 or 124.24 of this subchapter. Nothing in this section shall be construed to exempt from the licensing requirements of this subchapter any unarmed security officer who is specially commissioned as a peace officer pursuant to KRS 61.360, KRS 61.900 or KRS 95.160.

(G) The Director may suspend or revoke any license issued under this subchapter if it is found that the licensee has:

(1) Made any false statement or given any false information in connection with a request for a license under this subchapter; or

(2) After issuance of a license, becomes ineligible or failed to meet the requirements of this subchapter to be an unarmed security officer.

(H) (1) The authority conferred upon an unarmed security officer by a license under this subchapter shall cease immediately upon suspension or revocation of such license.

(2) Upon the suspension or the revocation of any unarmed security officer's license, the Director shall provide written notice to the agency or company employing the individual of the suspension or revocation. The notice shall advise the agency or company that further employment of that individual is violative of this subchapter and shall set forth the penalties for such violation.

(3) Any unarmed security officer whose license is suspended or revoked by the Director may request a hearing before the Director in accordance with the procedures set forth in § 124.31 of this subchapter. Each license issued to an unarmed security officer shall be surrendered to the Director within 72 hours after it has been suspended, revoked or denied.

SECTION VII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.26 Approval of Uniform, Badge, Patch and Insignia.

The type, color and style of uniforms, badges, patches and shield insignia worn by unarmed security officers shall be approved by the Director to ensure that the uniform will not deceive or confuse the public or be identified with that of any law enforcement officer of the federal, state or local government.

SECTION VIII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.27 Prohibited Activities.

No person licensed as an unarmed security officer and while on duty as such may use police radios; flashing, rotating, oscillating or colored lights, or; bells, whistles or sirens, upon any motor vehicle unless authorized to do so by the Director.

SECTION IX: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.28 Approval of Training Courses.

(A) In order to receive a license as an unarmed security officer, an applicant must successfully complete a course from a training program recognized by the Director and having a curriculum including the following subjects:

- (1) Orientation (introduction to the course) and note taking;
- (2) Fire prevention and control;
- (3) Legal basis for security and rights of security officers, limitations;
- (4) Basic law pertaining to criminal justice and the Kentucky Penal Code;
- (5) Criminal law and security officer arrest, force, search and seizure;
- (6) Report writing;
- (7) Crowd control;
- (8) First aid and special problems; and
- (9) De-escalation techniques and defensive tactics.

(B) The course shall provide for the administration of a written examination.

SECTION X: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.29 Revenue Commission Requirements.

Nothing herein shall relieve any agency providing unarmed security or unarmed security officer from obtaining from the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Revenue Commission any occupational license required by law for the operation of such business.

SECTION XI: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.30 Enforcement; Administrative Procedures.

(A) The Director is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this subchapter, and violations may be subject to both civil and criminal penalties as provided in §124.99. The civil fines imposed under this subchapter may be recovered in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender does not pay the penalty within a prescribed period of time after being cited for a violation.

(B) Except for persons or entities holding a valid Special Event Permit, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, company, partnership, or corporation to hire an agency providing unarmed security or unarmed security officer for security purposes if the unarmed security officer or agency providing unarmed security is not in compliance with this subchapter.

(C) The Director shall develop appropriate procedures for the efficient administration of this subchapter. All procedures and any amendments thereto shall be submitted to the Mayor for his or her approval. Unless the Mayor expressly rejects the proposed procedures in writing within 30 days of submission, the procedures shall become effective on the 31st day after submission to the Mayor.

SECTION XII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.31 Hearings Before The Director.

(A) An agency providing unarmed security, company employing unarmed security, or unarmed security officer adversely affected by a decision of the Director may appeal the denial, suspension or revocation of a license or registration, or the disapproval of a training program for unarmed security officers, by submitting a written request within ten days of the effective date of the adverse action by the Director. The Director shall conduct a hearing within 20 days of the request and may affirm, modify or reverse his or her initial decision. The Director's final decision shall be based upon substantial evidence presented at the hearing that a licensee, registrant or officer has:

(1) Failed to comply with the restriction, requirements and conditions of this subchapter or with such procedures as have been enacted by the Director pursuant to § 124.30 of this subchapter ; or

(2) Knowingly provided false information to gain or to maintain a license or registration under this subchapter.

(B) At least ten days in advance of the hearing, notice shall be served upon the licensee, registrant, applicant, or officer at the address listed for them on their license, registration or application. Service of notice shall be deemed complete upon certified mailing with return receipt requested. At the hearing, the Director shall afford the licensee, registrant, applicant, or officer an opportunity to be represented by an attorney, to present evidence, to cross-examine adverse witnesses, and otherwise to rebut the evidence

against the appellant. Within ten days after the hearing, the Director shall publish his or her final decision of the issue or issues on appeal.

(C) The final decision of the Director shall be determinative of the issues raised in the appeal but the Director's decision may be appealed to a court of competent jurisdiction. During the pendency of any such judicial appeal, the Director's final decision shall be enforced unless otherwise ordered by the court.

SECTION XIII: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.32 Notice.

Any notice required by this subchapter shall be effective three days after mailing U.S. postage prepaid, certified mail, return receipt requested, to a licensee at the licensee's last known address.

SECTION XIV: A new section of LMCO is hereby created as follows:

§ 124.33 Title.

The provisions of §§ 124.21 to 124.33 of the Louisville Metro Code of Ordinances shall be known as Christopher's Law.

SECTION XV: Section 124.99 of LMCO is amended as follows:

§ 124.99 PENALTY.

(A) Agencies ~~convicted or violating~~ found to have violated §§ 124.02(A) or 124.22(A) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(B) Companies ~~convicted or violating~~ found to have violated §§ 124.02(B), 124.22(B), or 124.04, or 124.24 shall be civilly fined not less than \$100 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

(C) For a person violating 124.02(C) or 124.22(C):

(1) A first offense shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500;

(2) A second offense shall be classified as a criminal violation in accordance with KRS 534.040 and the person shall be fined no more than \$250; and

(3) A third offense shall be classified as a Class B misdemeanor and the person shall be sentenced to either no more than 90 days in jail, or a fine of no more than \$250, or both.

(D) Persons violating §124.02(D) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

(E) Agencies or companies convicted of violating found to have violated §§ 124.02(E) or 124.22(E) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

~~(D) Persons convicted of violating § 124.02(C) or (D) shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.~~

~~(E) Persons, firms, companies, partnerships, or corporations convicted of violating found to have violated §§ 124.10(A) and (B) or 124.30(B) shall be civilly fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$500. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.~~

SECTION XVI: Section 124.01 of LMCO is amended in relevant part as follows:

DIRECTOR. The Director of the Department of Codes and Regulations Specialty Permits and Licenses within the Louisville Metro Government Alcoholic Beverage Control Administrator's Office or its successor, or any duly authorized representative who is charged with the administration and enforcement of this chapter.

SECTION XVII: Section 124.05(H) of LMCO is amended in relevant part as follows:

~~—(H) Persons who, at the time of their employment as armed security officers, are also sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government and who have completed within one year of their employment as sworn police officers a basic training course of at least 400 hours duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council are not required to be licensed by the Director in order to perform as armed security officers.~~

(H) (1) Persons who, at the time of their employment as armed security officers, are also qualified under one of the following categories are not required to be licensed by the Director in order to perform as armed security officers:

(a) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government and who have completed within one year of their employment as sworn police officers a basic training course of at least 400 hours duration at a school certified or recognized by the Kentucky Law Enforcement Council;

(b) Sworn police officers in good standing of any unit of local government in the state of Indiana who have completed at least 400 of hours of officer training certified by the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy; or

(c) Individuals who meet the provisions of the federal Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act, 18 U.S.C. sec. 926C.

_____(2) Nothing herein shall relieve any agency or company, which employs sworn police officers as armed security officers from its responsibility to comply with the insurance provisions as set forth in § 124.04 of this chapter. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt from the licensing requirements of this chapter any armed security officer who is specially commissioned as a peace officer pursuant to KRS 61.360, KRS 61.900 or KRS 95.160.

SECTION XVIII: Section 124.08 of LMCO is amended as follows:

(A) In order to receive a license as an armed security officer, an applicant must successfully complete a course from a training program recognized by the Director having a curriculum including the following subjects:

- (1) Orientation (introduction to the course) and note taking;
- (2) Fire prevention and control;
- (3) Legal basis for security and rights of security officers, limitations (particularly with respect to the use of firearms);
- (4) Basic law pertaining to criminal justice and the Kentucky Penal Code;
- (5) Criminal law and security officer arrest, force, search and seizure;
- (6) Report writing;
- (7) Crowd control;
- (8) First aid and special problems;
- (9) Defensive tactics, alternatives to the use of firearms, de-escalation techniques; and
- (10) Firearms qualification.

(B) The course shall provide for the administration of a written examination and for qualification on the firing range.

SECTION XIX: Section 124.10(A) is amended in relevant part as follows:

(A) The Director is hereby authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this chapter, and violations may be subject to both civil and criminal penalties as provided in §124.99. The civil fines imposed under this subchapter may be recovered in a civil action in the nature of debt if the offender does not pay the penalty within a prescribed period of time after being cited for a violation.

SECTION XX: This Ordinance 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: _____

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