



# Louisville Metro Government

## Meeting Agenda – Final

### Planning and Zoning Committee

*Chair Madonna Flood (D-24)*  
*Vice Chair Scott Reed (R-16)*  
*Committee Member Phillip T. Baker (D-6)*  
*Committee Member Ben Reno-Weber (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Jennifer Chappell (D-15)*  
*Committee Member Betsy Ruhe (D-21)*  
*Committee Member Robin Engel (R-22)*  
*Committee Member Khalil Batshon (R-25)*

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May 02, 2023

1:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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#### **THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

- 10. O-054-23** AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION TO LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES ("LMCO") CHAPTER 153 REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR ZONING MAP AMENDMENTS IF THERE ARE DELINQUENT TAXES OR VALID LIENS HELD BY LOUISVILLE METRO THAT ARE UNPAID.

*Enactment #: Ordinance No. 092, Series 2023*

**Sponsors:**

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## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

### Legislation Request

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**DATE:** April 11, 2023  
**FILE ID** O-054-23  
**FILE TYPE** Ordinance  
**IN CONTROL** Committee on Committees

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**ITEM TITLE:**

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**PRIMARY SPONSORS:**

Madonna Flood

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**ADDITONAL SPONSORS:**

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

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**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER MADONNA FLOOD**

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**WHEREAS**, other cities, such as Nashville, Tennessee, Sioux City, Iowa, Austin, Texas, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin, have enacted provisions stating that zoning applications will not be processed if the owner owes taxes to the local government, or the subject property is encumbered by a local government lien; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of New Jersey, have also enacted enabling legislation allowing local jurisdictions to enact similar provisions regarding the non-processing of zoning applications if there are taxes owed, or the

property is encumbered by a local government lien, and many local jurisdictions within those two states have enacted such provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the “Council”) wishes to enact a provision requiring property owners and applicants, when applying for a zoning map amendment, be current on their taxes and any other liens owed to Louisville Metro Government.

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3) The applicant, who may be either the property owner or an individual or entity other than the property owner, is delinquent in the payment of any taxes due to

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(C) Once Louisville Metro Planning Commission staff has received a determination from the relevant Metro agencies that there are no taxes and/or liens due, that determination shall be relied upon conclusively. Any failure associated with those agencies' determination shall not invalidate the actions of the Planning Commission. Any interested party who believes that the information provided to the Metro agencies for their determination was inaccurate and/or incomplete shall raise such concerns either prior to or at the public hearing.

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

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Sonya Harward  
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Markus Winkler  
President of the Council

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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
O-054-23 – Ordinance Creating a New Section of LMCO 153 Regarding Zoning Applications and Delinquent Taxes (If)



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## Master

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Zoning Committee

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### Internal Notes:

Agenda Date: 04/11/2023

Sponsors: Primary Madonna Flood (D-24)

Enactment Date:

Attachments: O-054-23 V.1 041323 Ordinance Creating New  
Section of LMCO 153 Regard Zoning Applications and  
Delinquent Taxes .pdf

Enactment Number:

Contact:

Hearing Date:

Entered by: Andrea.Derouen@louisvilleky.gov

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1	3	3/14/2023	Laura Ferguson	Approve	3/16/2023
1	5	3/14/2023	Madonna Flood (D-24)	Approve	3/16/2023
1	6	3/15/2023	Metro Clerk's Office	Approve	3/23/2023

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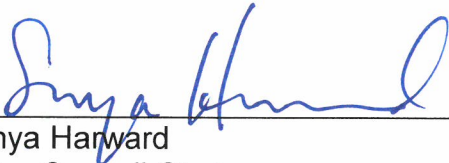
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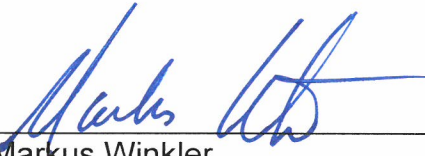
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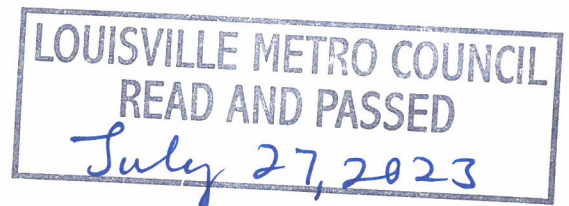
  
Markus Winkler  
President of the Council

  
Craig Greenberg  
Mayor

August 3, 2023  
Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney



By:   
O-054-23 - Ordinance Creating a New Section of LMCO 153 Regarding Zoning Applications and Delinquent Taxes (If)



ORDINANCE NO. 052, SERIES 2024

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED AT 7601 VAUGHN MILL ROAD CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 2.66 ACRES AND BEING IN LOUISVILLE METRO (CASE NO. 23ZONE0058).

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER MADONNA FLOOD**

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Council of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government (the "Council") has considered the evidence presented at the public hearing held by the Louisville Metro Planning Commission (the "Planning Commission") and the recommendations of the Planning Commission and its staff as set out in the minutes and records of the Planning Commission in Case No. 23ZONE0058; and

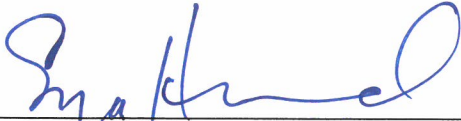
**WHEREAS**, the Council concurs in and adopts the findings of the Planning Commission for the zoning change in Case No. 23ZONE0058 and approves and accepts the recommendation of the Planning Commission as set out in said minutes and records.

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

**SECTION I:** That the zoning of the property located at 7601 Vaughn Mill Road containing approximately 2.66 acres and being in Louisville Metro, as more particularly described in the minutes and records of the Planning Commission in Case No. 23ZONE0058, is hereby changed from R-4 Single Family Residential to C-1 Commercial; provided, however, said property shall be subject to the binding elements as set forth in the minutes of the Planning Commission in Case No. 23ZONE0058.

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

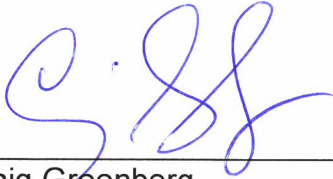




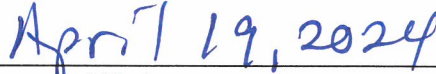
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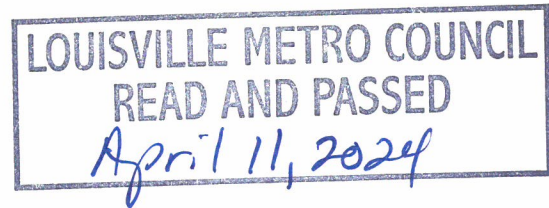
Craig Greenberg  
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Approval Date

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:**

Michael J. O'Connell  
Jefferson County Attorney



By: 

O-054-24-- Zoning at 7601 Vaughn Mill Road (lf)

## Harward, Sonya

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**From:** Metcalf, Megan  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:54 PM  
**To:** Harward, Sonya; Kaplan, David  
**Subject:** Re: Date Legislation was Signed?

Thank you Sonya!

Megan A. Metcalf, Esq.  
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**From:** Harward, Sonya <Sonya.Harward@louisvilleky.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 12:45:54 PM  
**To:** Kaplan, David <David.Kaplan@louisvilleky.gov>; Metcalf, Megan <Megan.Metcalf@louisvilleky.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Date Legislation was Signed?

I spoke to Sarah Ward in your office today and she got me the date of Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. I'll send you the updated legislation by tomorrow.

Thanks,  
Sonya



*Sonya Harward*  
Louisville Metro Council Clerk  
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Louisville, KY 40202  
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(502) 574-3902 (office)

**From:** Harward, Sonya  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 25, 2024 8:24 AM  
**To:** Kaplan, David <David.Kaplan@louisvilleky.gov>; Metcalf, Megan <Megan.Metcalf@louisvilleky.gov>  
**Subject:** Date Legislation was Signed?  
**Importance:** High

Good morning, David and Megan,  
The approval date is not on the legislation but I can add it if you let me know what day the Mayor signed it. I'll send you a copy once I've added it as well.

Thanks,