

ORDINANCE NO._____, SERIES 2022

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION OF CHAPTER 113 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) REQUIRING LOUISVILLE FORWARD TO PRODUCE A REPORT DETAILING BEST PRACTICES TO PROMOTE PUBLIC SAFETY FOR LATE NIGHT BUSINESSES.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER CASSIE CHAMBERS ARMSTRONG AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT DAVID JAMES

WHEREAS, numerous cities have produced documents to provide guidance to late night businesses on how to promote public safety, including Arlington, VA, Washington, DC, Providence, RI, Boston, MA, Nashville, TN, and many more; and

WHEREAS, these best practice documents are not binding on businesses, but rather provide important tools, resources, ideas, and information; and

WHEREAS, these best practice documents have proven to be an important tool in addressing public safety issues that are unique to late night establishments; and

WHEREAS, Louisville enjoys a vibrant late night business scene that is important to the city’s identity and economy; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government is committed to supporting businesses operating in the late night space and to promoting the highest degree of safety at these businesses; and

WHEREAS, a Louisville late night safety best practices guide would provide important tools, resources, information, and advice to those operating late night businesses without imposing any obligations upon those businesses.

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

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

§ 113.83 Guidance for Late Night Businesses

Louisville Forward, or its successor department in issuing permits and licenses, shall produce a report detailing suggested best practices to promote public safety at late night businesses. A late night business is defined as an establishment that has an extended hours liquor or malt beverage license per LMCO §§ 113.40 or 113.41. This report shall be distributed to every business with an extended hours license. Louisville Forward shall complete its initial report within ninety (90) days of the enactment of this ordinance. Louisville Forward or its successor department shall review the report annually to ensure that it reflects the current state of best practices and revise and distribute the report as necessary.

SECTION II: This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

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Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

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