



**Metropolitan Council**

**PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE  
RESOLUTION, LATE-FILED  
ORDINANCE, AND  
AMENDMENTS TO ORDINANCES  
TO BE FILED WITH THE METRO  
CLERK**

**FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2020**

**SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION NO. RS2020-288**

**A Resolution honoring the response of the Nashville Electric Service, Metropolitan Water Services Department, ~~and~~ Metropolitan Public Works Department, and Metropolitan Department of Codes Administration after the March 3, 2020 tornado.**

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2020, a severe storm brought multiple tornados to the Middle Tennessee region, killing two individuals in Davidson County and many more in other counties; and

WHEREAS, the tornados left a path of devastation through the region, damaging or destroying thousands of homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the tornados knocked out power across Davidson County, with approximately 50,000 Nashville residents without power at the peak outage. After the tornado, over 900 power poles were broken and Nashville Electric Service (NES) crews worked around the clock to restore power to Nashvillians as quickly as possible; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, NES announced that power had been restored to nearly all customers, with the exception of some residences and businesses that require detailed work due to extensive damage caused by the tornado; and

WHEREAS, in addition to this work to restore power, NES announced that it would temporarily suspend disconnections for non-payment in response to the tornado's impact on the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, further, NES announced it would waive installation and connection fees for customers who require new service installation, it would not charge deposit fees or connection fees for a certain period of time for displaced customers needing service at a new location, and that certain late fees would be reversed for impacted customers; and

WHEREAS, crews from the Metropolitan Public Works Department (Public Works) worked diligently to repair infrastructure and clean up debris left by the tornado, including organization of curbside debris pickup; and

WHEREAS, Public Works crews also focused on clearing the right-of-way, making roads passable, and offering assistance with the closing and reopening of roads; and

WHEREAS, many of these Public Works employees worked twelve hour shifts to make sure necessary work was completed; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Water Services Department (MWS) also maintained water quality and service throughout the tornado, even though several MWS facilities were without power and operated on generators; and

WHEREAS, in the aftermath of the storms, MWS also suspended late fees and water service disconnection to MWS customers; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Department of Codes Administration (Codes) worked to inspect all buildings damaged by the tornados, with Codes' 65 inspectors examining over 1,000 buildings; and

WHEREAS, Codes has also worked to expedite applications for storm-damaged properties and helped to educate the public about what types of damage will require a building permit; and

WHEREAS, the hard work and dedication of NES, Public Works, ~~and~~ MWS, and Codes employees in the wake of the March 3 tornado to restore Nashville after the extensive damage and protect those who need financial assistance during this difficult time deserves recognition from the Metropolitan Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. The Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as honoring the response of the Nashville Electric Service, Metropolitan Department of Public Works, ~~and Metropolitan Water Services Department,~~ and Metropolitan Department of Codes Administration after the March 3, 2020 tornado.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Joy Styles  
Member of Council

**ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-\_\_\_\_\_**

**An ordinance requiring employees of essential businesses interfacing with the public to wear appropriate face coverings.**

WHEREAS, the Amended and Restated Order No. 3 of the Metropolitan Director of Health dated April 1, 2020, the "Safer at Home Order" (hereinafter, the "Order"), requires all businesses not performing essential services to close their business facilities in order to help reduce the spread of COVID-19, but does allow certain enumerated essential businesses to continue operating; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Order provides that essential services shall continue to adhere to Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidance on social distancing and hand hygiene, but the Order does not address face coverings; and

WHEREAS, the CDC guidance dated April 3, 2020, recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies); and

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare, it is appropriate that cloth face coverings be required for all businesses providing essential services to the public and at all construction sites for so long as the Order is in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. For so long as the Order, as the same may hereafter be amended and restated, is in effect, all employees of businesses providing essential services as defined by the Order shall wear a cloth face covering whenever such employees have face-to-face contact with the public. Further, cloth face coverings shall be worn by all workers at construction sites when more than one worker is present.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Department of Health shall be empowered to enforce this ordinance. For violations of the ordinance, enforcement action is to be taken against the business ownership or management, and not the individual employees.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_  
TO  
ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-223

Mr. President –

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2020-223 by amending Section 1 to deleting proposed Section 7.16.110, Subsection H.2 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

2. The ~~Department of Law~~ applicant shall notify the councilmember for the district in which the applicant establishment is located in writing within five business days from the date the application is filed requesting the waiver of distance requirements.

SPONSORED BY:

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Kathleen Murphy  
Member of Council

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_  
TO  
ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-224

Mr. President –

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2020-224 by deleting Section 1 in its entirety and substituting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. That Chapter 11.22 of the Metropolitan Code is hereby amended to create a new Section 11.22.020 as follows:

11.22.020 – Required notice for sale of property.

Landlords must provide a minimum of 90 days' written notice to tenants prior to ~~closing on a sale of the leased premises listing the leased premises for sale.~~ The landlord must notify tenants within five days of a binding sale agreement of the closing date and the anticipated date by which the tenants must vacate the premises, which shall be no less than 30 days from the date of notice of the closing date.

SPONSORED BY:

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Gloria Hausser  
Member of Council

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_

TO

ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-234

Mr. President:

I move to amend Ordinance No. BL2020-234 by amending Section 1 by adding the following provision as subsection (c):

c. In order to be eligible for the permit fee waiver, the property owner or their authorized agent must sign an affidavit on a form prescribed by the Department of Codes Administration attesting that the permit fees are not eligible for reimbursement from property insurance or other funding sources.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Jeff Syracuse  
Member of Council