

SECOND SUBSTITUTE ORDINANCE NO. BL2020-553

An ordinance to require a resolution of the Metropolitan Council ~~30 days~~ prior to discontinuing operations at the ~~Bordeaux Long Term Care Facility~~, the J.B. Knowles Home Assisted Living Facility, ~~or Nashville General Hospital~~.

WHEREAS, the truest measure of any of any society can be found in how it treats its old, its poor, its weak, and its helpless; and

WHEREAS, the City of Nashville has a long and proud history of providing care and comfort to our most vulnerable residents; and

WHEREAS, the ~~Bordeaux Long Term Care Facility~~ have provided care to important, yet aged and infirm residents for decades sale of J.B. Knowles Home Assisted Living Facility ("Knowles") and its campus did not occur pursuant to Ordinance No. BL2014-688, as amended; and

WHEREAS, ~~some would allow short term financial expediency to replace our bounded duty to provide care to the current residents of these Metro owned facilities~~ Knowles is currently operated by AnthemCare Tennessee LLC, a private operator; and

WHEREAS, ~~the relocation of residents and patients with preexisting conditions during a pandemic is at best ill advised, and at worst places each patient and resident at significant risk of an adverse health outcome, or even death~~ no long term plan has been provided for the continued existence of Knowles; and

WHEREAS, ~~the relocation of patients and residents from long term care facilities is well known to result in transfer trauma to said patients and residents even in the best of times and under the most carefully planned and coordinated circumstances~~ the Council desires to continue the care provided by Knowles until a long term plan is reviewed and approved by the Council; and

WHEREAS, ~~in addition, the circumstances at the Bordeaux Long Term Care Facility have highlighted the need for continuation of the care provided by the J.B. Knowles Home Assisted Living Facility and Nashville General Hospital;~~ and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the Metropolitan Government that the important care currently being provided to citizen of Nashville at the Bordeaux Long Term Care Facility should continue uninterrupted until the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic has subsided and a safe and humane plan for relocation of patients and residents to other locations is reviewed and approved by Council. Further, care provided at the J.B. Knowles Home Assisted Living Facility continue. Any action that would interrupt care at the facility must be reviewed and approved by the Council and Nashville General Hospital should be reviewed and approved by Council prior to any actions that would interrupt care at either institution.

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

Section 1. "So long as there is a successful bidder pursuant to Metro's public procurement process, or a current qualified operator willing to provide services in exchange for funding no greater than the most recent budgeted subsidy, Aall care assisted living services being provided to patients and residents at the Bordeaux Long Term Care Facility, J.B. Knowles Home Assisted Living Facility, or Nashville General Hospital as of December 31, 2019, shall be continued mere

~~or less as the same was occurring on December 31, 2019 unless the elimination of such assisted living services is approved by the Metropolitan Council by a resolution receiving twenty-one (21) affirmative votes, after a public hearing. Likewise, no wind down or other processes or preparations intended to prepare ~~one of these facilities~~ the facility for closure shall occur until 30 days after the ~~public hearing and~~ affirmative Council vote.~~

Section 2. The resolution shall be accompanied by a detailed plan for the safe and humane relocation of patients and residents to other locations qualified and willing to accept the same. The plan shall be made available to ~~patients and~~ residents, and their families ~~at least 30 days prior to the public hearing in accordance with applicable state law.~~

Section 3. While it is the intent of the Metropolitan Council that ~~the Bordeaux Long Term Care Facility, the J.B. Knowles Home Assisted Living Facility, and Nashville General Hospital~~ operate on the revenues generated ~~by such functions at no cost to the general government, in the event that revenues generated at one of these institutions are insufficient for the operation and maintenance of the facilities until a closure plan is approved by Council, the Council intends to appropriate the necessary funds to cover any shortfall~~ by the assisted living services provided with no subsidy from the Metropolitan Government's general fund, the Council intends to continue to provide a subsidy sufficient to bring per-patient revenue for Davidson County residents living at Knowles Home in line with per-patient revenue at comparable non-profit assisted living facilities in Davidson County until a long term plan is reviewed and approved by the Council.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

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