



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance amending Section 2.210.020 of Metropolitan Code to remove the sunset provision regarding qualified project participation in the EasyRide MTA-RTA Commuter Program by Economic Development Incentive Grant recipients.

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

Section 1. That Section 2.210.020 is hereby amended by deleting paragraph C1. in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

1. Written confirmation is provided by the director of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) that the qualified company has either committed to qualified project participation in the EasyRide MTA-RTA Commuter Program or provided a valid explanation as to why participation is not feasible; and

Section 2. That Section 11.22.020 is hereby amended by deleting the following language in its entirety:

"The provisions of this subsection C shall expire and be null and void on January 1, 2020 ("sunset date") unless extended by resolution of the council of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County. This provision, commonly known as a "sunset provision," is included to ensure that the effectiveness and necessity of this subsection is reviewed by the metropolitan council after its implementation."

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

Analysis

Section 2.210.020 of the Metro Code provides a mechanism for Metro to provide annual economic development incentive grants to qualified companies in the amount of \$500 per job created or retained. Ordinance No. BL2017-904 amended the eligibility requirements for economic and community development incentive grant recipients to require written confirmation to be provided by the director of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) that the qualified company has contacted MTA regarding participation in the EasyRide MTA-RTA Commuter Program. The ordinance also required that, for the duration of any economic and community development incentive grants, the qualified company must provide an annual written report to the office of Economic and Community Development regarding the participation rate of its full-time equivalent employees in the EasyRide MTA-RTA Commuter Program. Failure to submit timely written reports is grounds for termination of a grant.

BL2017-904 included a sunset of January 1, 2020 unless extended by Council resolution. The sunset was not extended before January 1, 2020, so the requirements technically expired.

This ordinance re-establishes the requirements without a sunset and with a modification to the reporting requirement so as to require the qualified company to provide written confirmation that the company has either committed to participation in the EasyRide MTA-RTA Commuter Program or provides a valid explanation as to why participation is not feasible.