



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

## Legislation Text

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An Ordinance amending Substitute Ordinance No. BL2019-1653 to amend the requirement that a flag of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County be presented to the family of a current or former elected Metropolitan official, including a current or former member of the Metropolitan County Council, upon the official's death.

WHEREAS, on July 2, 2019, the Metropolitan Council adopted Substitute Ordinance No. BL2019-1653 to require the presentation of a flag of the Metropolitan Government to the family of a current or former elected Metropolitan Official upon the death of such Official; and

WHEREAS, it is proper that families of current or former elected Metropolitan Officials be given the opportunity to have such a flag presented by a uniformed police officer.

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

Section 1. That Section 1 of Substitute Ordinance No. BL2019-1653 is hereby deleted and the following be substituted in lieu thereof:

Section 1. That, upon the death of a current or former elected Metropolitan official, including a current or former member of the Metropolitan County Council, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County shall require that a flag of the Metropolitan Government be presented to the family of the elected official. The presentation of such flag may include presentation at the funeral of such elected official. The family may request that such presentation be made by a uniformed police officer. If so requested, presentation by a uniformed police officer shall be at the discretion of the Chief of Police. The Metropolitan Government shall absorb any costs associated with the presentation of such flag.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

### Analysis

This ordinance, as amended, would amend Substitute Ordinance No. BL2019-1653 pertaining to the presentation of a Metro flag to the family of former elected Metro officials. Substitute Ordinance No. BL2019-1653, approved in July 2019, requires a flag of the Metropolitan Government to be presented to the family of a former or current elected Metropolitan official, including a current or former member of the Metropolitan County Council, upon the official's death. This presentation could include presentation at the funeral of the official. The Metropolitan Government must absorb any costs associated with this presentation. However, the ordinance did not specify who was to present the flag on behalf of the government.

This ordinance provides that the family of the deceased former elected official may request that such flag be presented by a uniformed police officer. Presentation by a uniformed officer would be at the discretion of the Chief of Police.