



# **Metropolitan Council**

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS PACKET  
FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026**

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TO  
ORDINANCE NO. BL2026-1362

Madam President --

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2026-1362 as follows:

I. By deleting Section 1 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:  
Section 1. That representatives or staff from the following departments, boards, and commissions shall coordinate to present annually no later than April of each year ~~provide an annual joint presentation~~ to the Budget and Finance Committee of the Metropolitan Council a summary and evaluation of ~~relative to~~ tax abatement programs in Nashville and Davidson County: the Department of Finance, the Department of Law, the Metropolitan Planning Commission, the Office of the Metropolitan Trustee and each department, board, or commission administering tax abatements including: Metropolitan Development and Housing Agency (“MDHA”), Industrial Development Board (“IDB”), Health Educational Facilities Board (“HEFB”), Metropolitan Historic Zoning Commission (“MHZC” ~~“Metro Historic”~~), Nashville Department of Transportation and Multimodal Infrastructure (“NDOT”), and such agencies who have proposed to administer tax abatements.

II. By deleting Section 3 in its entirety and replacing it with the following:  
Section 3. The Department of Finance shall present regarding ~~coordinate the presentation and further report~~ the aggregate amount of tax abatements for the previous year and the relation ~~the appropriateness~~ of that aggregate amount ~~relative to the~~ general operating budget of the Metropolitan Government and summarize the community’s priorities addressed by the incentives.

SPONSORED BY:

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Burkley Allen  
Member of Council

AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_  
TO  
ORDINANCE NO. BL2026-1326

Madam President –

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2026-1326 by deleting Section 3 and replacing it with the following new Sections 3 and 4:

Section 3. The Metropolitan Clerk is directed to publish a notice announcing such change in a newspaper of general circulation within five days following final passage.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take effect upon publication of above said notice announcing such change in a newspaper of general circulation, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

SPONSORED BY:

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Jacob Kupin  
Member of Council

ORDINANCE NO. BL2026-\_\_\_

An ordinance to provide for the designation of public property within specified areas of downtown Nashville as a temporary “Special Event Zone” during the time period beginning at six o’clock (6:00) p.m. on July 2, 2026, and ending at eleven fifty-nine (11:59) p.m. on July 5, 2026, relative to the use of these areas in conjunction with the 2026 July 4th Celebration and related activities and events.

WHEREAS, Nashville is proudly hosting the 2026 July 4th Celebration; and

WHEREAS, hospitality is the second largest industry in Nashville and in Tennessee, accounting for more than 70,000 jobs in Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, visitor-generating events such as the July 4th Celebration will have a tremendous positive impact on Nashville’s local economy, bringing in significant sales tax revenue and additional marketing for the city; and

WHEREAS, the July 4th Celebration is a free, outdoor, live event for the Nashville community and its visitors; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the imperative to minimize the ecological footprint of the show, there is a commitment to integrate drone technology in effort to mitigate the environmental impact, thereby demonstrating a dedication to sustainable practices and innovation; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation is partnering with local organizations to assist those planning to attend the July 4th Celebration; and

WHEREAS, Red Frogs will have stations in Walk of Fame Park and on Second Ave, Public Square Park, and The Green at Riverfront Park, as well as mobile personnel to assist with any guests; and

WHEREAS, KultureCity will create a sensory area for any guests experiencing challenges with excessive lights and noise; and

WHEREAS, Cumberland Heights will create a sober space for guests wishing to enjoy the celebration with other patrons choosing not to consume alcoholic beverages; and

WHEREAS, the Sexual Assault Center has provided Safe Bar Training for all bartenders working vendor tents throughout the footprint; and

WHEREAS, given the large footprint of the event and anticipated attendance, it is necessary that certain areas in and around events related to the 2026 July 4th Celebration be regulated and controlled to provide for the public health, safety, and welfare of the above-mentioned participants; and

WHEREAS, to that end, it is necessary to establish a Special Event Zone area for the temporary time periods and within the specified boundaries designated in this ordinance.

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

Section 1. There is hereby established a “Special Event Zone” within the area designated on the map attached hereto and incorporated herein, and whose boundaries are described as follows:

- Area 1: 8th Avenue South/Rosa L. Parks Boulevard northward from Korean Veterans Boulevard to Commerce Street; Commerce Street from Rosa L. Parks Boulevard eastward to 2nd Avenue North; 2nd Avenue North from Commerce Street northward to Church Street; Church Street from 2nd Avenue North to 1st Avenue North; 1st Avenue North from Church Street northward to Union Street; 1st Avenue North from Church Street southward to Broadway; 1st Avenue South from Broadway to Korean Veterans Boulevard; Korean Veterans Boulevard from 1st Avenue South westward to 8th Avenue South/Rosa Parks Boulevard.
- Area 2: Woodland Street from the East side of the Woodland Street Bridge eastward to South 1st Street; South 1st Street from Woodland Street southward to Russell Street; Russell Street from South 1st Street eastward to Interstate Drive; Interstate Drive southward from Russell Street to Shelby Avenue; Shelby Avenue from Interstate Drive westward to Korean Veterans Bridge.
- Area 3: John Seigenthaler Pedestrian Bridge commencing at 3rd Avenue South northward to South Second Street.
- Area 4: Woodland Street Bridge commencing at the intersection of 1st Avenue North eastward to South 1st Street.
- Area 5: Gay Street Connector from 1st Avenue north at Church Street northward to Gay Street at 1st Avenue north; Gay Street from 1st Avenue North to James Robertson Parkway; James Robertson Parkway from 3rd Avenue north to the Cumberland River; 3rd Avenue north from James Robertson Parkway to Union Street; Union Street from 3rd Avenue north east to 1st Avenue north; 1st Avenue north southward to Church Street; 2nd Avenue north southward from Union Street to Church Street; Bank Street from 1st Avenue north west to 2nd Avenue north.
- Area 6: Woodland Street east from Cumberland River to Interstate Drive; Interstate Drive from Woodland Street south to Shelby Street; Shelby Street west to South 2nd Street; South 2nd Street south to Sylvan Street; Sylvan Street north to Korean Veterans Blvd; South 1st Street North to Victory Lane; Cumberland Park on the east side of the Cumberland River north along One Titans Way to Woodland Street.
- Area 7: Korean Veterans Blvd. Bridge.

Section 2. The Special Event Zone defined in Section 1 hereof shall have a duration beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 2, 2026, and ending at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, July 5, 2026.

Section 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Metropolitan Code to the contrary, the activities described below on public property or in the public right-of-way within the Special Event Zone conducted by any person or entity, except those approved by both the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation, shall be regulated as follows:

1. Street vendors with a general vending license issued pursuant to Section 13.08.040 of the Metropolitan Code or other persons with a valid license for such purpose issued by the Metropolitan Government, the sale of any food, beverages, goods, or merchandise

shall be prohibited on the public streets, sidewalks, alleys, and rights-of-way. Street vendors shall obtain a “Special Event Zone” permit from the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation in order to sell within the geographic area listed above. The Metropolitan Departments of Public Works, the Metropolitan Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Davidson County Clerk shall consult with Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation prior to granting a temporary vending permit to be effective within the Special Event Zone during the 2026 July 4th Celebration.

2. No alcoholic beverages shall be provided, served, or sold from any temporary outdoor use except as authorized by the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation and permitted by the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County.

3. The sale or distribution of merchandise pertaining to the July 4th Celebration where it is apparent on its face that the merchandise is not licensed by the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation, regardless of whether the person selling or distributing is operating pursuant to a valid permit, exception, or exemption provided for in this Ordinance or elsewhere in the Metropolitan Code, shall be prohibited.

4. No tents or membrane structures of any kind shall be erected except for those tents and membrane structures sanctioned and authorized by the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation or erected by the Metropolitan Government for public safety purposes.

5. The construction, placement, occupation, or use of any temporary structure is prohibited except those sanctioned and authorized by the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation.

6. The distribution, promotional give-away activity, or provision of free products, services, or coupons (otherwise referred to as “sampling”) by persons or entities that are not event sponsors officially sanctioned and authorized by Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation is strictly prohibited, provided this shall not apply to written material given away within any Public Participation Area established pursuant to this Ordinance.

7. Vehicles shall be allowed only as directed by Metropolitan Nashville Police which will include trucks, automobiles, golf carts, motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, and motorized scooters and skateboards.

8. No shared urban mobility devices, as defined by Metropolitan Code of Laws Section 12.62.010, shall be permitted within the Special Event Zone during the designated Special Event Zone Ordinance time period.

9. No handguns, rifles, or firearms shall be permitted within the Special Event Zone during the designated Special Event Zone Ordinance time period (Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-17-1359).

10. No knives, swords or other fighting devices shall be permitted within the Special Event Zone during the designated Special Events Zone Ordinance time period.

11. No fireworks, firecrackers, or explosive devices of any type shall be permitted within the Special Event Zone during the designated Special Event Zone Ordinance time period except Event-related exhibitions permitted by the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation.

12. The Special Event Zone shall be a “no fly zone” during the designated time period which includes take off, flying and landing of craft, including without limitation, unmanned aerial vehicles (so-called “drone” aircraft) with the exception of drone usage by the Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation to capture event footage. Section 4. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as a repeal or suspension of any existing laws prohibiting or governing the issuance of permits outside of the “Special Event Zone” geographical boundaries. Further, nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as granting a waiver to Nashville Convention & Visitors Corporation from all licensing and permitting requirements of the Metropolitan Code necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare.

Section 5. One or more Public Participation Areas shall be established by the Metropolitan Government within the Special Event Zone while the Special Event Zone Ordinance is in effect. Each Public Participation Area shall allow for the reasonable expression by the public in a manner that shall not be disruptive to the 2026 July 4th Celebration, activities, and events. Public Participation Areas shall be provided for during such reasonable times, and in such reasonable locations within the Special Event Zone as to allow for meaningful and effective expression by the public.

Section 6. If any of the provisions of this Ordinance are for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions, and those remaining portions shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. It is the intention of the Metropolitan Council that the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department focus its enforcement efforts upon preserving the peace and securing the safety of the July 4th Celebration participants while the Special Event Zone is in effect.

Section 8. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately after its passage, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.

INTRODUCED BY:

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Jacob Kupin  
Member of Council

