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ORDINANCE NO. BL2022-1450

Mr. President -

I hereby move to amend Ordinance No. BL2022-1450 as follows:

I. By adding the following recitals:

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has over 75 boards and commissions made up primarily of citizen volunteers who give willingly of their time to provide guidance and parliamentary decision making for many governmental departments and functions; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County and its citizens to be able to recruit qualified and honest people to serve as appointed board members and commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that these appointed board members and commissioners be able to evaluate and vote on the issues before them in an objective manner without fear of retribution for making decisions that may sometimes be difficult and controversial.

II. By deleting the last sentence in Section 1 and replacing it with the following:

If the board determines that no alleged ethics violation has occurred, the council board may, <u>subject to available appropriations</u> by resolution and upon request of the elected official or member of a metropolitan government board or commission, reimburse such person for their <u>costs of defending the complaint</u>, including reasonable attorneys' fees legal and other related expenses, the total of which shall not exceeding \$15,000, provided that no such reimbursement shall be available for elected officials incurred in defending the complaint.

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