



WHEREAS, replacement of the ARPA funds for ongoing support of affordable housing production and preservation at similar levels will require additional revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council has previously supported the use of 1 percent of hotel/motel tax revenues generated by short-term rentals to go toward the Barnes Fund for Affordable Housing; and

WHEREAS, outside of Tennessee, local governments and states have recently considered and approved the use of tourism tax dollars to create and preserve affordable and workforce housing, most notably South Carolina's overwhelmingly bipartisan passage of S.284 in May 2023 which included workforce housing as one of the purposes for which certain taxes may be used; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is also considering making additional short-term rental tax revenues available to be used by the Metropolitan Government for affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 0468/Senate Bill 1050, sponsored by Representative Caleb Hemmer and Senator Jeff Yarbro respectively, would authorize the Metropolitan Government to allocate a portion of funds collected from the metropolitan government tourist accommodation tax for the promotion of affordable housing for residents within the Metropolitan Government; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Council is supportive of efforts by the Tennessee General Assembly's to make additional tax revenue available for the creation and preservation of affordable housing.

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

Section 1. That the Metropolitan County Council hereby goes on record as requesting that the Tennessee General Assembly provide more flexibility in allowing the Metro Council to allocate short-term rental tax revenues toward the production and preservation of affordable housing in Nashville and Davidson County by supporting House Bill 0468/Senate Bill 1050.

Section 2. The Metropolitan Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Davidson County Delegation to the Tennessee General Assembly.

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