



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A Resolution recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Exit/In.

WHEREAS, this year marks the 50th anniversary of one of Nashville's oldest rock clubs the Exit/In, which has been an integral part of the city's music history; and

WHEREAS, opened in 1971 by Owsley Manier and Brugh Reynolds, the listening-room style music venue was named the Exit/In for its main rear entrance; and

WHEREAS, the Exit/In is located on Elliston Place, one of Nashville's oldest streets and the city's counterculture epicenter, near Vanderbilt University. It is a cornerstone of "The Rock Block", which has housed other iconic locations like The End and Gold Rush, which closed in 2019; and

WHEREAS, the legendary venue has hosted many famous musicians and groups, many before they became famous, including Jimmy Buffet, Etta James, Linda Ronstadt, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson, R.E.M., Talking Heads, The Police, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Keith Urban, to list only a few; and

WHEREAS, Robert Altman filmed a pivotal scene in the 1975 film *Nashville* at the venue; and

WHEREAS, in the 1980s, the venue also hosted Music City's first "in the round" singer/songwriter performance during the filming of the television program *Nashville Skyline*. Guy Clark, Rodney Crowell, and Vince Gill were one of the many trios that performed for the series; and

WHEREAS, after a host of acts and owners, Chris Cobb became the sole owner of the venue in 2019, after being a partial owner for seven years; and

WHEREAS, preservation efforts have been underway to help uphold and maintain the area's history, including the 2020 installation of a Metro Historical Commission historical marker on Elliston Place honoring the Rock Block; and

WHEREAS, the Exit/In holds a special place in the history of Music City. It is fitting and proper that the Metropolitan County Council honors and celebrates 50 years of the Exit/In in Nashville.

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

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Exit/In, one of Nashville's oldest rock clubs, and wishes the venue continued success.

Section 2. This Resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption, the welfare of The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County requiring it.