



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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An ordinance to amend Section 13.26.020 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws to require a report from the metropolitan historical commission when a public building named after a person is renamed, demolished, or sold.

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

Section 1. That Section 13.26.020 of the Metropolitan Code of Laws is hereby amended by designating the current language as subsection A and adding the following as subsection B:

B. Upon the filing of any ordinance seeking to rename, demolish, or sell a public building previously named after a person, if the name designation provided under subsection A will not be preserved, such ordinance must be forwarded to the metropolitan historical commission for review as to the historical significance of the person for which the building was named.

The historical commission shall provide a written report to the metropolitan council prior to the consideration of the ordinance on second reading including biographical information of the person for which the building was named and their contribution to the metropolitan government, as well as whether the person honored should be recognized by the metropolitan government in another way such as by placing a historical marker after the building named for them is renamed, demolished, or sold. No action shall be taken by the council on second reading until the report from the historical commission has been submitted to the council or sixty days has passed from the date the ordinance was forwarded by the metropolitan clerk to the historical commission.

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

Analysis

Section 13.26.020 of the Metro Code currently requires that biographical information be attached to any ordinance naming a Metro-owned building in honor of a person or company. This ordinance amends this Code section to require a report from the Metro Historical Commission prior to the second reading consideration of any ordinance seeking to rename, demolish, or sell a public building previously named after a person. The report, which would be similar to the report required for street renaming ordinances, would include biographical information regarding the person for whom the building is named and their contribution to the Metropolitan Government. The report is also to include a recommendation as to whether the person for whom the building is named should be recognized in another way, such as by a historical marker, if the building is ever renamed, demolished, or sold.

This ordinance would prohibit any action by the Council on second reading until the Historical Commission has provided the required report or 60 days has passed from the date the ordinance was forwarded by the Metro Clerk to the Historical Commission.