

January 9, 2026

Austin Kyle
Metropolitan Clerk
Historic Metro Courthouse
1 Public Square
Suite 205
Nashville, TN 37201

Dear Mr. Kyle:

Pursuant to Sec. 19.03. ("Amendment by petition") of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, please find attached a revised proposed petition to amend the Charter. The revised petition responds to feedback shared by members of the Charter Revision Commission during the commission's January 6, 2026, meeting.

Additionally, attached is a copy of Sec. 11.602. of the Charter, depicting the proposed amendment in redline edits. Further, attached is a copy of Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-9-113, which is incorporated by reference into the revised petition.

Should you have any questions or need more information regarding the proposed amendment or the revised petition, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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**PETITION TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE
METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY**

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- (1) **Title of the proposed amendment:** Updating the Functions and Duties of the Metropolitan Board of Fair Commissioners (“Fair Board”)
- (2) **Explanatory summary of the proposed amendment:** Pursuant to Section 19.03. of the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (“Charter”), the proposed amendment would amend Sec. 11.602.(d) of the Charter to remove the term “Auto Racing” as an activity required to be conducted at the Nashville Fairgrounds and replace it with the term “Affordable and/or Workforce Housing.” Additionally, the amendment would require the Fair Board to discontinue auto racing at the fairgrounds.
- (3) **Text of the proposed amendment:** Delete the first sentence of Sec. 11.602.(d) and replace it with the following sentence: “Continue activities, other than auto racing, on the premises of the Tennessee State Fairgrounds including, but not limited to, the Tennessee State Fair, Expo Center Events, Flea Markets, and Affordable and/or Workforce Housing as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-9-113 as of January 1, 2026, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Metropolitan Clerk.” Further, add the following as a new subsection: “Implement plans as soon as possible, in coordination with other Metro Government agencies or bodies, to ensure that no auto racing occurs on the premises.”
- (4) **Statement of the financial impact of the proposed amendment:** The proposed amendment’s financial impact would be “not significant.” Affordable and/or Workforce Housing have been developed at the fairgrounds at minimal or no cost to the Fair Board. Further, auto racing at the fairgrounds annually generates minimal revenue relative to costs.

We, the undersigned registered voters of Nashville-Davidson County, hereby request that the above amendment to the Charter of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County be submitted to voters for ratification.

| Printed Name | Signature | Address of Residence as Shown on Voter Registration | Date of Signature |
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Sec. 11.602. Functions and duties.

It shall be the duty of the metropolitan board of fair commissioners to:

- (a) Exercise all the powers and perform all the duties heretofore or hereafter imposed on the Board of Fair Commissioners of Davidson County, as established by chapter 490 of the Acts of Tennessee for 1909 and chapter 515 of the Private Acts of 1923 and amendments thereto.
- (b) Within the limitation of its budget appropriation and funds otherwise available, employ and fix the compensation of such personnel as may be necessary.
- (c) Perform such other duties as may be imposed upon the board by ordinance.
- (d) Continue activities, other than auto racing, on the premises of the Tennessee State Fairgrounds including, but not limited to, the Tennessee State Fair, Expo Center Events, Flea Markets, and Affordable and/or Workforce Housing as defined in Tennessee Code Annotated § 5-9-113 as of January 1, 2026, a copy of which has been placed on file with the Metropolitan Clerk. No demolition of the premises shall be allowed to occur without approval by ordinance receiving 27 votes by the Metropolitan Council or amendment to the Metropolitan Charter.
- (e) Implement plans as soon as possible, in coordination with other Metro Government agencies or bodies, to ensure that no auto racing occurs on the premises.

Deleted: All activities being conducted on the premises of the Tennessee State Fairgrounds as of December 31, 2010, including, but not limited to, the Tennessee State Fair, Expo Center Events, Flea Markets, and Auto Racing, shall be continued on the same site.

Tenn. Code Ann. § 5-9-113

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5-9-113. Affordable housing and workforce housing.

(a) The county legislative body of any county with a metropolitan government and a population not less than five hundred thousand (500,000), according to the 2010 federal census or any subsequent federal census, is authorized to appropriate funds for affordable housing or workforce housing.

(b) As used in this section:

(1) "Affordable housing" means housing that, on an annual basis, costs thirty percent (30%) or less than the estimated median household income for households earning sixty percent (60%) or less of the area median income for the Nashville-Davidson County metropolitan statistical area as determined by the United States department of housing and urban development, adjusted for family size; and

(2) "Workforce housing" means housing that, on an annual basis, costs thirty percent (30%) or less than the estimated median household income for households earning more than sixty percent (60%) and not to exceed one hundred twenty percent (120%) of the area median income for the Nashville-Davidson County metropolitan statistical area as determined by the United States department of housing and urban development, adjusted for family size.

History

Acts 2015, ch. 377, § 1; 2018, ch. 791, § 1.

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