

RESOLUTION NO. _____

APPROVAL OF UPDATED LMHA BYLAWS

Item No. 5a

WHEREAS, the Louisville /Jefferson County Metro Government established the Louisville Metro Housing Authority (LMHA) in April 2003; and

WHEREAS, the LMHA Board of Commissioners adopted Bylaws in June 2003; and

WHEREAS, the LMHA through an extensive strategic planning process established a Board Leadership Development Action Plan calling for updating Bylaws to better define Board roles, governance responsibilities and ethical expectations; and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Planning Committee with input from all Commissioners has updated the LMHA Bylaws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LOUISVILLE METRO HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that the updated LMHA Bylaws are approved.

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I. STATEMENT OF FACTS:

Having been over 18 years since LMHA's Bylaws were first adopted, the Strategic Planning Committee decided it was time to update the Bylaws. The update includes both reorganizing and expanding the existing content as well as adding new content.

Highlights of changes include:

- Updating language to recognize that electronic communications such as email and video conferencing are now commonly utilized.
- Adding more detailed descriptions of the roles and responsibilities of the Officers.
- Formally establishing seven (7) standing committees of the Board:
 - a. Governance
 - b. Finance and Audit
 - c. Strategic Planning
 - d. Personnel
 - e. Choice Neighborhoods/HOPE VI
 - f. Security and Safety
 - g. Committee on Opportunity for Poverty Elimination
- In addition to the previously referenced Article on Standing Committees, other new articles in the Bylaws include:
 - a. Organization and Offices
 - b. Contract, Loans
 - c. Agents, Employees, Consultants, Professional Services
 - d. Fiscal Year
 - e. Waiver of Notice
 - f. Indemnification and Bond

II. ALTERNATIVES:

- A. Approve the updated LMHA Bylaws.
- B. Do not approve the updated LMHA Bylaws.

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III. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Alternative "A."

IV. JUSTIFICATION:

The Bylaws are the Louisville Metro Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners operating manual defining the size of the board, how it functions, the roles and duties of Commissioners, setting standing committees and the rules and procedures for holding meetings, selecting Commissioners, and electing Officers.

The LMHA Bylaws were last updated shortly after the merger of the Housing Authority of Louisville and the Housing Authority of Jefferson County in 2003. The need for updating and modernizing the Bylaws was identified as part of LMHA's recent Strategic Planning efforts and the goal was formalized within the Board Leadership Development Action Plan.

Former LMHA Commissioner, Lance Gilbert worked diligently in preparing a new draft of the Bylaws, which were revised as a result of feed back from the Strategic Planning Committee and LMHA Commissioners. The final results are presented here for discussion and approval.

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