



Social Services and Public Safety Committee Meeting

January 23, 2024

PARTIAL SUMMARY

Chair Reynolds called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. Committee Members Ellinger, J. Brown, Fogle, Monarrez, Gray, F. Brown, Baxter, Sevigny, and Plomin were in attendance. Council Member Lynch was also present as a non-voting member.

Source of Income Discrimination

Dave Sevigny, 10th District Council Member, began his presentation with a timeline from introduction of the *Source of Income Discrimination* item in 2022 until present. This item was first introduced to council members in 2022 and the Kentucky Tenants group met with almost every council member. The item died in committee that year for lack of action from previous sponsor. Council Member Sevigny took ownership of the item by placing it in this committee on April 18, 2023. Council Member Shayla Lynch became a co-sponsor of the item and the two met with Commissioner Charlie Lanter, tenants, landlords, and wrap around providers. The item was presented to the Social Services and Public Safety committee on October 10, 2023. The committee held a special meeting on November 14, 2023 for the purpose of hearing public input on the issue. Council Members Sevigny and Lynch received several letters of support which were circulated in the January 23, 2024 committee packet. During this meeting, Sevigny spoke about updates to the draft ordinance which now stands alone in the code of ordinances. He reviewed the addition of whereas clauses and what each of those mean. He pointed out the addition of a paragraph that states this shall not be construed or interpreted to supersede any federal or state law or regulation.

Motion by Sevigny to approve as amended an ordinance creating section 2-31.2 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government code of ordinances, to prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of lawful source of income or payment, all effective March 1, 2024; and report the item out of committee at the January 30th Work Session. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed 7-3 (Yes- J. Brown, Fogle, Monarrez, Gray, Sevigny, Reynolds, and Plomin; No – Ellinger, Baxter, and F. Brown).

Motion by Baxter to amend the ordinance referenced above (section 2-31.2 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government code of ordinances); removing language pertaining to paying mortgages and the sale/buying of property. Seconded by Gray. Motion passed 7-3 (Yes – J. Brown, Ellinger, Monarrez, Gray, F. Brown, Baxter, and Plomin; No – Fogle, Sevigny, and Reynolds).

Motion by Ellinger to table discussion of the *Source of Income Discrimination* committee item until March 5, 2024. Seconded by F. Brown. Motion failed 5-5 (Yes – Ellinger, Monarrez, F. Brown, Baxter, and Plomin; No – J. Brown, Fogle, Gray, Sevigny, and Reynolds).

The full January 23, 2024 Committee Summary will be reported out at Work Session on March 5, 2024.