



**TO:** Mayor Linda Gorton  
Honorable Members, Urban County Council

**FROM:**   
Chris Ford, Commissioner of Social Services

**DATE:** June 13, 2019

**SUBJECT:** Domestic Violence Prevention Program  
*Amendments to Code of Ordinances*

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**Request:**

Request Council Authorization to amend the Domestic Violence Prevention Board Ordinance, to reflect the new name of the Board to the *Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention Coalition*, to change outdated terminology, and to expand the voting member composition by 3 Ex – Officio members, and 3 At – Large members.

**Purpose:**

The Board’s focus areas have expanded since its establishment in 1986, as reflected in the recently amended mission statement: *To create a culture of safety and empowered stakeholders through advocacy, education, collaboration, and service coordination for communities impacted by interpersonal violence.*

Also, the expansion of the Ex – Officio and At – Large voting membership is designed to allow for more diverse representation. Currently, the Board has 24 Ex – Officio members, representing LFUCG; local criminal justice officials; victim service providers; Fayette County Public Schools; and Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services. In addition, 7 At – Large members are appointed by the Mayor, and confirmed by Urban County Council.

**Budgetary Implication:**

There is no budgetary impact associated with requested amendments.

**Are the funds budgeted?**

N/A

**File Number:** 0682-19

**Director/Commissioner:** Stephanie Theakston / Chris Ford

