ORDINANCE NO. 10, SERIES 2003

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CITIZENS COMMISSION ON POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT; DECLARING THE CREATION OF THIS COMMISSION AN EMERGENCY

SPONSORED BY: Councilman Weston

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT (COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. There is hereby created a Citizens Commission on Police Accountability ("Commission") for the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government to review police investigations in all police shooting cases and incidents involving loss of life due to police action. The Commission shall review all such investigations but, if a criminal investigation is involved, it shall not review the incident until the criminal investigation is closed. The Commission shall advise the Mayor and the Chief of Police on matters relating to the quality and adequacy of such investigations and may recommend changes in police policy, training and procedures as a result of its review.

SECTION II. The Commission shall consist of a Chair and ten members appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council. The Chair and the members of the Commission shall be residents of Jefferson County. The membership of the Commission shall reflect the diversity of Jefferson County. The terms of the Chair and the members shall be for four years or until their successors are appointed and qualified, except that of the members first appointed five members shall be appointed for two-year terms.
SECTION III. In recognition of the compelling need to address issues surrounding incidents involving police shooting cases and pursuant to Rule 7.12 of the Rules of the Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Council the enactment of this ordinance is deemed an emergency.

SECTION IV. This Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

Jerry Abramson
Mayor

Date

Ron Weston
President of the Council

Approved:

Kathleen J. Herron
Metro Council Clerk

February 13, 2003
Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY: EFM

Irv Maze
Jefferson County Attorney

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