

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, a question authorizing Jackson County, solely for the purpose of continuing its Community Children's Services Fund to provide services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, to extend its countywide sales tax, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent.

ORDINANCE NO. 5637, July 18, 2022

INTRODUCED BY Tony Miller, County Legislator

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 67.1775.1, RSMo 2016, the governing body of any county in Missouri may, after voter approval, levy a sales tax in the county not to exceed one-fourth of one cent, for the purpose of providing services described in section 210.861, RSMo 2016, including counseling, family support, and temporary residential services to persons nineteen years of age or less; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 4880, dated August 22, 2016, the voters of Jackson County authorized the imposition of this tax, at the rate of one-eighth of one cent, at the general election held on November 8, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, the County actually imposed the tax via Ordinance 4951, dated January 9, 2017, which ordinance also adopted chapter 82 of the Jackson County Code, governing the Community Children's Services Fund; and,

WHEREAS, unless this tax is extended, it will expire on March 31, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, under section 67.1775.6, all revenues generated by the tax are deposited in the County treasury to the credit of the Community Children's Services Fund to accomplish the purposes set out in sections 67.1775 and 210.861, which revenues may be used for no other purpose, to be administrated by the Fund's board of directors established under section 210.861; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 210.861 and chapter 82, when the tax prescribed by section 67.1775 is authorized, the County Executive appoints a board of directors consisting of nine members, who shall be residents of the County, at least one from each legislative district, to staggered terms of three years; and,

WHEREAS, also pursuant to section 210.861 and chapter 82, revenues collected and deposited in the Community Children's Services Fund may be expended to contract for the following services:

(1) Up to thirty days of temporary shelter for abused, neglected, runaway, homeless or emotionally disturbed youth; respite care services; and services to unwed mothers;

(2) Outpatient chemical dependency and psychiatric treatment programs; counseling and related services as a part of transitional living programs; home-based and community-based family intervention programs; unmarried parent services; crisis intervention services, inclusive of telephone hotlines; and prevention programs which promote healthy lifestyles among children and youth and strengthen families;

(3) Individual, group, or family professional counseling and therapy services; psychological evaluations; and mental health screenings; and,

WHEREAS, citizens of Jackson County have indicated their support for the continuation of the Community Children's Services Fund to provide services to children nineteen years of age or less, governed by an independent citizen board of directors, with all funds being expended in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the submission to the voters of a question authorizing the continuation of the Community Children's Services Fund, through the extension of the sales tax at the rate of one-fourth of one cent, as permitted under Missouri law, is in the best interests of the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Jackson County, now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of section 67.1775, RSMo 2016, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the general election to be held on November 8, 2022, a question authorizing Jackson County, solely for the purpose of continuing its Community Children's Services Fund to provide services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, to extend its countywide sales tax, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent.

Section 2. The qualified voters at said election shall vote by ballot and the ballots to be used at said election shall contain the following language:

JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

QUESTION # 1

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 8, 2022

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall Jackson County, solely for the purpose of continuing its Community Children's Services Fund to provide services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, be authorized to extend its countywide sales tax, at the rate of one-fourth of one cent? This Fund will continue to be transparently administered in a manner independent of Jackson County government, by a diverse, geographically representative, nine-member citizen board appointed by the County Executive, with at least one member residing in each County legislative district. Revenues will be solely used to benefit the residents of Jackson County.

YES

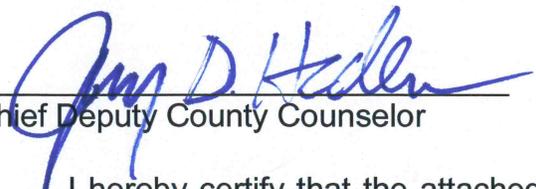
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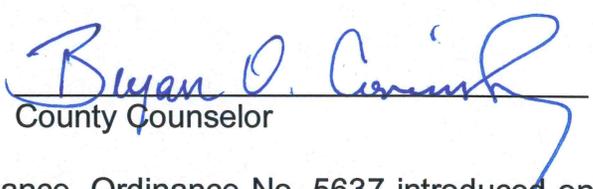
If you are in favor of the question, place an “x” in the box opposite “Yes.” If you are opposed to the question, place an “x” in the box opposite “No.”

Section 3. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Jackson County and Kansas City Boards of Election Commissioners of the adoption of this Ordinance no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2022, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions required by § 115.125, RSMo 2016.

Effective Date: This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Chief Deputy County Counselor


County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 5637 introduced on July 18, 2022, was duly passed on July 25, 2022 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

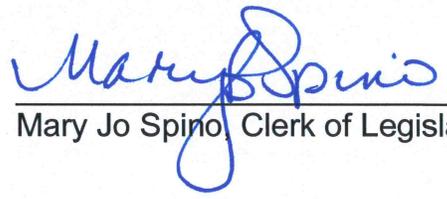
Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

7.25.2022
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5637.

7/25/2022
Date


Frank White, Jr., County Executive