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S.S.

I, Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the County Legislature, within and for the County of Jackson, do hereby certify that Ordinance #5992 adopted by the County Legislature on June 30, 2025, was vetoed by the County Executive on July 10, 2025. The veto was overridden unanimously by the Legislature on July 18, 2025.

Roll Call: Yes: 9 – DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Smith, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer and Sean E. Smith

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County, at my office in Kansas City, Missouri this 18th day of July, 2025.

Mary Jo Spino
Clerk of the County Legislature



Floor Amendment
June 30, 2025

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE repealing subsection 2066.7., of the Jackson County Code, 1984, relating to a senior tax credit, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new subsection relating to the same subject.

ORDINANCE NO. 5992, June 30, 2025

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton and Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislators

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

Section A. Enacting Clause. Section 2066.7., Jackson County Code, 1984, are hereby repealed and one new subsection enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 2066.7., to read as follows:

2066.7 Establishment Of Application Process By Director of Collection.

The Jackson County Director of Collection shall create an application process that will allow eligible taxpayers residing in Jackson County to request a tax credit beginning in tax year 2024.


a. An application form shall be designed in such a way that it is easily understood by members of the general public, and shall request, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Taxpayer name; and
2. Proof of age; and
3. Proof of residency at Homestead address; and
4. Written proof of ownership or legal or equitable interest in the homestead property; and
5. An affirmation that the eligible taxpayer is not knowingly providing false information in support of the application.

- b. Eligible taxpayers will be required to timely submit complete applications to the Department of Collection on or before August 31st.
- c. The application form shall be made available to the public electronically on the Collector's website, as well as in paper format.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


Whitney Miller (Jun 26, 2025 11:49 CDT)
County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 5992 introduced on June 30, 2025, was duly passed on June 30, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

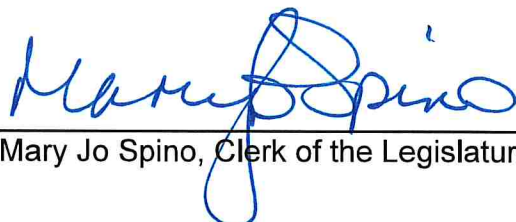
Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

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

7-1-2025
Date


Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5992.

Vetoed by County Executive
July 10, 2025

Date

Frank White, Jr., County Executive

Veto Overridden - July 18, 2025



FRANK WHITE, JR.
Jackson County Executive

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MARY JO SPINO
COUNTY CLERK
dch 1:11 pm

VETO MESSAGE FROM COUNTY EXECUTIVE FRANK WHITE, JR.

Re: ORDINANCE 5992 – SENIOR TAX FREEZE DEADLINE CHANGE

Date: July 10, 2025

To: Members of the Jackson County Legislature

I am returning Ordinance 5992 without my signature because I cannot, in good conscience, allow it to become law.

This ordinance, though perhaps well-intended, would have devastating consequences for Jackson County seniors who are relying on the property tax relief they have already been approved to receive. By changing the deadline for filing from June 30th of the year following their initial credit year to August 30th of the prior year, Ordinance 5992 retroactively disqualifies eligible participants—after they’ve already played by the rules. These seniors submitted the required paperwork, met every requirement, and were told they qualified. Now, through no fault of their own, **the vast majority of them—up to 38,512 residents—could be immediately removed from the program.** That is not equity. That is not fairness. And that is not leadership. Let me be clear: whether the harm caused by this ordinance was accidental or intentional, the outcome is the same—and it is unacceptable.

The previous law, passed under Ordinance 5968, clearly stated that seniors had until *the year following* their credit year to submit applications. Ordinance 5992 quietly strikes those crucial words—"of the year following their initial credit year"—without explanation, notice, or public debate about the real-world consequences. Such a drastic policy change demands transparency, not fine print.

If we are serious about putting people over politics, we must hold ourselves to higher standards. Responsible governance means honoring commitments made to our most vulnerable neighbors—not pulling the rug out from under them because of a legislative

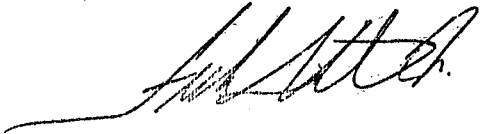


This veto is not an act of obstruction. It is an act of protection. It is a line drawn on behalf of thousands of Jackson County seniors—many on fixed incomes—who are already navigating rising costs, housing insecurity, and the challenges of aging. To strip them of a benefit they rightfully earned would erode public trust and violate the very principles this government stands for.

Instead of eliminating access, let's work together to strengthen the process. We can improve outreach, make the application simpler, and ensure timely support for every eligible senior. We can fix what needs fixing without breaking our word to the people who depend on us.

For these reasons, and in defense of equity, fairness, and our shared responsibility to govern with integrity, I hereby veto Ordinance 5992.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank White, Jr.", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

Frank White, Jr.
County Executive