

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION supporting a freeze or a reduction of the current property tax rate on all residential and commercial real property taxes, excluding new construction, for the 2021 reassessment cycle.

RESOLUTION NO. 20394, March 30, 2020

INTRODUCED BY Dan Tarwater III, Theresa Cass Galvin, Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Scott Burnett and Ronald E. Finley, County Legislators

WHEREAS, the 2019 reassessment has created a hardship for the people of Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, the County is now preparing for the 2021 property tax reassessment cycle; and,

WHEREAS, the Assessment Department presently has one or two personnel to handle the physical inspections required; and,

WHEREAS, the Assessment Department lacks adequate staff and software systems to accomplish the monumental task at hand; and,

WHEREAS, the required request for proposals and qualifications has not been submitted and evaluated; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Equalization has yet to complete its appeal process and Assessment Department staff are still handling issues related to the 2019 reassessment

cycle; and,

WHEREAS, the nation is currently dealing with the economic impact of the COVID 19 pandemic, and it is too soon to tell what effect the pandemic will have on our local economy; and,

WHEREAS, the County should do its part to alleviate the financial stress on our residents and aid families in our community; now therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature supports a freeze of 2021 real property tax assessments for residential and commercial properties, excluding new construction, at the rate of 2019 assessments set at the completion of all pending Board of Equalization and State Tax Commission appeals, or a reduction from those assessment rates.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Chief Deputy County Counselor



County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 20394 of March 30, 2020, was duly passed on March 30, 2020 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6

Nays 1

Abstaining 2

Absent 0

3/30/2020

Date



Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature