

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION expressing appreciation to officers of the Springfield Police Department for their collaboration and technical assistance in the development of the proposed Gambling Machine Ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 22130, December 8, 2025

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Legislator Manuel Abarca IV has been leading efforts to strengthen Jackson County's response to unregulated gambling machines in order to support public safety, protect consumers, and provide clear enforcement tools for local law enforcement agencies; and,

WHEREAS, the drafting and refinement of such an ordinance requires not only legislative review but also practical insight from individuals who have extensive, firsthand experience investigating and enforcing gambling machine violations; and,

WHEREAS, officers from the Springfield Police Department have worked extensively on these issues within their own jurisdiction, developing investigative methods, enforcement strategies, and operational approaches that have proven effective; and,

WHEREAS, these officers generously provided Legislator Abarca and Jackson County officials with their time, expertise, case examples, and detailed guidance regarding the real-world challenges associated with identifying, documenting, and prosecuting illegal gambling machine operations; and,

WHEREAS, their cross-jurisdictional partnership significantly contributed to the development of a more informed, functional, and implementable draft ordinance; and,

WHEREAS, their collaboration reflects a shared commitment to strengthening public safety and supporting local governments across the state as they work to address emerging criminal and regulatory concerns; and,

WHEREAS, Legislator Abarca wishes to formally recognize these officers for their professionalism, willingness to assist, and dedication to statewide public safety efforts; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that we extend our appreciation to the following officers of the Springfield Police Department for their valuable assistance in this process:

OFFICERS

Sergeant Jason Carter

Corporal Neal McAmis

Corporal Jason Kitta

Officer Michael Vogt

Officer Stevin Cisneros

Officer Anthony Cendejas

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky

Bryan Covinsky (Dec 4, 2025 14:03:17 CST)

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22130 of December 8, 2025, was duly passed on December 8, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

12.8.2025
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature