

**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, 2016, a question authorizing Jackson County solely for the purpose of establishing a Community Children's Services Fund for the purpose of providing services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, to levy a countywide sales tax of one-eighth of one cent for a period of seven years.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4880**, August 22, 2016

**INTRODUCED BY** Crystal Williams, Tony Miller, Dan Tarwater III, Theresa Galvin, Garry Baker, Scott Burnett, Alfred Jordan, Dennis Waits, Greg Grounds, County Legislators

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 67.1775.1, RSMo Supp 2013, the governing body of any county in Missouri may, after voter approval, levy a sales tax in the county not to exceed one-quarter of one cent, for the purpose of providing services described in section 210.861, RSMo Supp. 2013, including counseling, family support, and temporary residential services to persons nineteen years of age or less; and,

WHEREAS, under section 67.1775.6, all revenues generated by such tax shall be deposited in the county treasury to the credit of a special 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 a board of directors established under section 210.861; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 210.861, when the tax prescribed by section 67.1775 is authorized, the governing body of the county shall appoint a board of

directors consisting of nine members, who shall be residents of the county, to staggered terms of three years; and,

WHEREAS, also pursuant to section 210.861, revenues collected and deposited in the Community Children's Services Fund may be expended for the purchase of 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 establishment of a Community Children's Service 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 establishment of a Community Children's Services Fund, through the levy of one-eighth of one cent sales tax for a period of seven years, 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 Supp 2013, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri at the general election to be held on November 8, 2016, a question authorizing Jackson County, solely for the purpose of establishing a Community Children's Services Fund for the purpose of providing services to protect the well-being and safety of children and youth nineteen years of age or less and to strengthen families, to levy a countywide sales tax of one-eighth of one cent for a period of seven years.

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 # 2  
GENERAL ELECTION  
NOVEMBER 8, 2016  
OFFICIAL BALLOT

Shall Jackson County, solely for the purpose of establishing a Community Children's Services Fund for the purpose of providing 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 levy a countywide sales tax of one-eighth of one cent for a period of seven years? This fund will be transparently administered in a manner independent of County government, by a diverse, geographically representative, nine-member citizen board appointed by the County Executive, with at least one member residing in each Jackson County legislative district. Revenues will be solely used to benefit the residents of Jackson County.

YES

NO

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, 2016, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions required by § 115.125, RSMo Supp. 2013.

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. 4880 introduced on August 22, 2016, was duly passed on August 22, 2016 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0


Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Excused 1

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

8/22/16  
Date

  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 4880.

8/23/2016  
Date

  
Frank White, Jr., County Executive