

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION amending Rules of the Jackson County Legislature 16, 19, and 22 relating to sponsorship.

RESOLUTION NO. 21330, July 10, 2023

INTRODUCED BY DaRon McGee, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the Legislature desires to clarify its rules regarding sponsors of ordinances and resolutions; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of sponsorship shall be further defined and outlined; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that 16, 19, and 22 of the Rules of the Jackson County Legislature be and hereby are amended, to read as follows:

RULE SIXTEEN. Ordinances – Introduction.

A. Proposals for ordinances shall be introduced by members by submitting a Request for Legislative Action (RLA), including short title, to the County Counselor's Office. The County Counselor's Office shall assign a number to the proposal and transmit it to the County Clerk to place it on the agenda for the next regular meeting. Upon the reading of the short title at the meeting, the sponsoring member or members may briefly explain the purpose and application of the proposal. **Any member may**

request to be added as a sponsor of a pending ordinance during any regular or special meeting of the Legislature at which the ordinance appears on the meeting's agenda. Thereafter, the Clerk shall show the requesting member as a co-sponsor.

B. A proposal for any ordinance which would grant a permit under Chapter 240 of the Jackson County Code, the Unified Development Code, shall be assigned a number and placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting by the Clerk, without a sponsor. For purposes of compliance with other provisions of this Rule, Rule Seventeen governing the perfection of ordinances, Rule Twenty-one, governing the results of no action on ordinances and resolutions, and Rule Twenty-two, governing the dropping of ordinances and resolutions, the chair of the Legislature's Land Use Committee shall be deemed the sponsor of such an ordinance.

C. Proposals for ordinances shall be assigned to the appropriate committee by the Chairman of the Legislature. If a sponsor of the proposal objects to assignment to that particular committee, the sponsoring member may move for reassignment to some other designated committee. Passage of such a motion for reassignment requires a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

D. A proposal for ordinance may be immediately added to the perfection agenda of the same meeting at which the proposal was introduced only if a motion for immediate perfection is carried. Passage of such a motion requires a two-thirds majority of those present and voting. If the ordinance appropriates funds, a motion for immediate perfection will be defeated by two "No" votes.

E. No proposal for ordinance shall contain more than one subject.

RULE NINETEEN. Resolutions - Introduction and Assignment to Committee.

A. Proposals for resolutions shall be introduced by members by first submitting a written draft of the proposal, including short title, to the County Counselor's office. The County Counselor's office shall then assign a number to the proposal and transmit it to the County Clerk to place it on the agenda for the next regular meeting. Upon the reading of the short title at the meeting, the sponsoring member or members may briefly explain the purpose and application of the proposal. **Any member may request to be added as a sponsor of a pending resolution during any regular or special meeting of the Legislature at which the resolution appears on the meeting's agenda. Thereafter, the Clerk shall show the requesting member as a co-sponsor.**

B. Unless immediately adopted, proposals for resolutions shall be assigned to the appropriate committee by the Chair of the Legislature. If a sponsor of a resolution objects to the committee assignment, that member may move for reassignment to some other designated committee. Passage of such a motion requires a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

C. If a Resolution is assigned to committee, the committee may:

- (1) Accept the resolution in the form approved by the Counselor;
- (2) Amend the resolution; or
- (3) Substitute a new draft of the resolution.

A committee may:

- (1) Take no action;

(2) Return the resolution to the Legislature with no recommendation;

(3) Recommend that the Legislature do not pass the resolution; or

(4) Recommend that the Legislature do pass the resolution, the resolution as amended, or its substituted draft of the resolution.

D. Amendments by a committee or substitution of a new draft by a committee shall not be contrary to or beyond the scope of the short title of the resolution.

E. If a committee's vote on a motion to recommend "do pass" is a tie, the motion is defeated, and the proposal shall be returned to the Legislature with no recommendation.

F. Copies of any resolution which has been amended in committee shall show the amendments by bracketing any words which the amendment deletes and underlining any words which the amendment adds. Committee chairs shall ensure that the County Counselor provides a sufficient number of copies of any resolution so amended to the Legislature at the regular meeting at which it is reported out of committee. Neither a committee nor the Legislature as a Whole may take action on a resolution amended in committee or on the floor of the Legislature until the amendment has been reduced to writing as set out in this paragraph, at a minimum via pen and ink. (Resolution #14966)

RULE TWENTY-TWO. Ordinances and Resolutions – Dropping.

A proposed ordinance or proposed resolution may be permanently dropped from the order of business at any time upon a motion of an original sponsor of the proposed ordinance or resolution and concurred in by two other members of the Legislature.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan O. Winkley
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21330 of July 10, 2023, was duly passed on July 17, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 1

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

7.17.2023
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature