

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**A RESOLUTION** recognizing the retirement of Mark Bryant after 50 years of service.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21931**, June 2, 2025

**INTRODUCED BY** DaRon McGee, Donna Peyton, Jalen Anderson, Megan L. Marshall, Manuel Abarca IV, Venessa Huskey, Charlie Franklin, Jeanie Lauer, and Sean E. Smith, County Legislators

WHEREAS, Mark Bryant, a Rouse Frets White Goss Gentile Rhodes attorney recognized as one of the best land use and public law lawyers in the Kansas City metropolitan area, is retiring after a 50-year legal career; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant was a former member of the City Council in Kansas City, Missouri, his experience with codes that affect real estate development gave him an edge to help developers and public agencies; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant has worked with large retailers, public utility companies, and real estate developers to obtain the land use approvals and entitlements needed to conduct business; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant, has represented high-profile clients seeking variances, special use permits, zoning changes, annexation, eminent domain, and redevelopment incentives in Missouri and Kansas; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant, in 2015 received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where he earned his law degree after completing his bachelor's from the University of Central Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to serving on the Kansas City Council, Mr. Bryant was a member of the city's Tax Increment Financing Commission, Land Clearance for Redevelopment Corporation, and Economic Development Corporation; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant is also a member of local, state and national bar associations; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant also served as president of the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum Board of Directors, a member of the Friends of the Kansas City Zoo Executive Committee, and Executive Director of the Onyx Development Corporation in Kansas City; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature and Jackson County realizes the importance of recognizing the retirement of Mr. Mark Bryant as he has been a pillar in the Jackson County community and has displayed many years of leadership; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that the Legislature hereby recognizes and celebrates the retirement of Mark Bryant.

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 (May 22, 2025 13:59 CDT)  
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21931 of June 2, 2025, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature