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Request for Legislative Action

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TITLE: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM CONCEALING THEIR FACES OR BADGES DURING PERFORMANCE OR OF OFFICIAL DUTIES, AND ESTABLISHING PENALTIES AND EXEMPTIONS.

SUMMARY: Requires law enforcement officers performing official duties in Jackson County to keep both their faces and badges visible to the public. Purpose is to strengthen transparency, accountability, and public trust in law enforcement. Prohibits officers and agencies from allowing concealment unless a valid exemption applies, including: Undercover assignments Tactical/SWAT operations where concealment is necessary Medical or protective equipment requirements Helmets or visors that do not significantly obscure identity Other urgent or exceptional situations with written documentation Agencies must adopt written policies governing when concealment is allowed and document all uses of exemptions, including date, reason, and supervisory approval. Agencies must report annually to the Legislature on exemption usage. Violations may result in: Internal disciplinary action Increased exposure to civil liability in related legal claims Criminal misdemeanor penalties,

including fines or up to 30 days jail Ordinance includes severability protections and is intended to operate consistently with state and federal law.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:**NO** ☒

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

YES ☐**ACTION NEEDED: AUTHORIZE****ATTACHMENTS:**

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