



Jackson County Missouri

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Request for Legislative Action

File #: 21694, Version: 0

REQUESTED MEETING DATE: 8/12/2024

SPONSORS:

Sean E. Smith

Resolution No. 21694
Sponsor: Sean E. Smith
Date: August 12, 2024

To be confirmed by County Counselor's Office:

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DEPARTMENT: Legislature

TITLE: Directing the County Counselor not to appeal the Missouri State Tax Commission's ruling, Order of the State Tax Commission of Missouri regarding 2023 and 2024 Assessments, issued on August 7th 2024 and reserving the Jackson County Legislature's authority to have final approval of litigation goals in suits filed against the county valued at more than \$5,000.00.

SUMMARY: The Missouri STC issued statement confirming that the Jackson County 2023 Assessment Cycle was not in compliance with Missouri state law. The Missouri STC concluded that the Jackson County Assessment Department did not adequately conduct physical property inspections necessary for property value increases exceeding 15%. The Jackson County Assessment Department and Jackson County Board of Equalization shall comply with the Order of the STC of Missouri regarding 2023 and 2024 Assessments, issued on August 7th 2024 and roll back any property value that increased more than 15% from the previous year's assessment. The Jackson County Legislature reserves the legal authority to bring suits filed on behalf of the county or to settle claims made against Jackson County. The Legislature reserves the right to say nothing of the litigation decisions involving the Legislature itself. The Jackson County Counselors Office cannot initiate any lawsuit on behalf of the County Legislature without the consent of the Legislature. The

Jackson County Counselors Office cannot enter into legal contracts without consent of the Jackson County Legislature. The Jackson County Legislature reserves the right to settle suits valued at more than \$5,000 against Jackson County. The Jackson County Counselor does not have the sole authority to make decisions about the goals of litigation and those final decisions must be made by the County Legislature, with recommendation from the Counselor. The County Counselors office shall not appeal the Order of the STC of Missouri regarding 2023 and 2024 Property Assessments and The Assessment Department and Board of Equalization shall roll back any property value increased by more than 15% from the previous year. That the Jackson County Counselors office shall not determine any litigation goals in suits valued at more than \$5,000 without the collaboration of the Jackson County Legislature. The County Counselors office will work collaboratively with The Legislature As A Whole in regards to lawsuits filed against the county and lawsuits filed on behalf of the county. The Counselors office shall share any legal documents, motions filed and related claims with The County Legislature in a timely manner. that the County Counselors Office will provide any documents pertaining to lawsuits filed against Jackson County to the Jackson County Legislature in concurrence with the County Executive. The County Counselor shall not give the County Executive special privilege in information sharing.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

NO

Amount	Fund	Department	Line-Item Detail

YES

ACTION NEEDED: Choose an item.

ATTACHMENTS:

STC Letter and Order; Attorney General Motion