IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION amending Rule 7 of the Legislature relating to Sergeant of Arms.

RESOLUTION #16590, March 31, 2008

INTRODUCED BY Henry C. Rizzo, County Legislator

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Jackson County that the Legislature adopt a reasonable rule concerning the display of signs, posters, and placards at legislative meetings; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri,

RULE SEVEN. Sergeant at Arms.

- A. <u>Duties.</u> The Sheriff of Jackson County, or a designated deputy Sheriff, shall serve as the Sergeant at Arms at all meetings of the Legislature. The Sergeant at Arms shall preserve order at the direction of the Chair.
- B. Order at Legislative Meetings. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend all meetings of the Legislature and its Committees. Members of the public may videotape, audiotape, and take still photographs of legislative meetings, as long as they do so in an unobtrusive fashion. The Chairman may designate a portion of the legislative chambers for videotaping or the taking of photographs. If the Chairman does so, that activity may only be conducted from the designated area. If any person wishes to display

a sign, poster, or placard at a legislative meeting, that person may do so only in a manner that does not obstruct the view of any other attendee at the meeting or otherwise disrupt the proceedings. Anyone wishing to display a sign, poster, a placard during a meeting should announce his or her intention to do so to the Sergeant at Arms prior to the meeting. The back of the assembly area is the preferred location for the display of signs, posters, and placards. If the Chairman determines that a person is displaying a sign, poster, or placard in a manner that obstructs the view of another or otherwise disrupts the proceedings, the Chairman may authorize the Sergeant at Arms to ask the person to relocate or leave the assembly area.

Effective Date: This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a

majority of the Legislature.