

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 55, Jackson County Code, 1984, to add a new section, to be known as section 5576. relating to assault on a police animal.

ORDINANCE NO. 5859, June 10, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Venessa Huskey, County Legislator

BE IT ORDAINED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri as follows:

Section A. Enacting Clause. Section 5576., Jackson County Code, 1984, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 5576 – Assault on a Police Animal:

a. No person shall attempt to kill or recklessly cause physical injury to a police animal when that animal is involved in a law enforcement investigation, apprehension, tracking or search, or the animal is in the custody of a municipal police department, fire department, rescue unit or agency, or county sheriff's department or an employee of such departments.

b. For the purpose of this section, a person acts recklessly if [they] he or she consciously disregards a substantial and unjustifiable risk that circumstances exist or that a result will follow, and such disregard constitutes a gross deviation from the standard of care which a reasonable person would exercise in the situation.

c. For the purposes of this section, "physical injury" means the slight impairment of any function of the body or temporary loss of use of any part of the body of the animal.

d. For the purposes of this section, "animal" means any living vertebrate except for a human being.

Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon signature by the County Executive.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Jun 6, 2024 11:12 CDT)
County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 5859 introduced on June 10, 2024, was duly passed on June 24, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

This Ordinance is hereby transmitted to the County Executive for his signature.

6-24-2024
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5859.

6/25/24
Date

Frank White, Jr.
Frank White, Jr., County Executive