



# Jackson County, Missouri

## Request for Legislative Action

**REQUESTED MEETING DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **SPONSOR:** Manuel Abarca IV

*To be completed by the County Counselor's Office:*

**NUMBER:** 5861 **ASSIGNED MEETING DATE:** 07/01/2024

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**DEPARTMENT:** First District

**TITLE:** AN ORDINANCE submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at a General Election to be held on November 5, 2024, a question authorizing Jackson County to impose a countywide capital improvement sales tax of three -eighth of one percent for a period of forty years for the purpose of retaining the Kansas City Chiefs sports team in Jackson County, Missouri.

### SUMMARY:

WHEREAS, the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club is a County and area-wide asset that has made and will continue to make significant contributions to the economic well-being and quality of life in Jackson County and the Kansas City metropolitan area; and,

WHEREAS, this professional league team has been the County's tenant at Arrowhead Stadium at the Harry S. Truman Sports Complex since the early 1970s; and,

WHEREAS, improvements to and modernization of Arrowhead Stadium is necessary to ensure that the stadium is in nationally competitive physical condition in the marketplace of professional sports, for the foreseeable future; and,

WHEREAS, to achieve a development plan to make the stadium nationally competitive and to guarantee the teams' continued presence in Jackson County, representatives of the team, the Jackson County Sports Complex Authority, and the County have been working diligently to negotiate and develop a plan for improvements and additions to the existing Arrowhead Stadium for the Chiefs, in Jackson County, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, as an express condition of negotiating possible financial support of the stadium, Jackson County, Missouri, requires and is negotiating (a) a lease and development agreement with the Chiefs which incorporates the terms and conditions under which the Chiefs will develop, renovate, furnish, equip, repair, maintain, operate, and occupy Arrowhead Stadium, and (b) one or more community benefits agreements with the Chiefs set forth the terms and conditions under which the team will financially support and engage in programming designed to create opportunities that will serve and advance the interests and vitality of, among others, the residents, youth, labor, minority and women enterprises, workforce, economies, and communities of Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, subject to the foregoing express conditions, Jackson County, Missouri, has determined that stadium park improvement funding utilizing a countywide capital improvement sales tax at the rate three-eighths of one percent (3/8%) for a period of forty years from the date first imposed is appropriate and the most effective means of funding the stadium; and,

WHEREAS, the County has determined that, subject to the team agreeing to enter into lease, development, and community benefits agreements, a new countywide capital improvement sales tax to commence upon the expiration or termination of the existing sales tax and to continue for a period of 40 years, for stadium park improvements to retain the Chiefs in the County is in the best interests of the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Jackson County; now therefore,

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

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** NO ☒

YES ☐

Amount

Fund

Department

Line-Item Detail

**ACTION NEEDED:**

**ATTACHMENT(S):**