

**IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI**

**AN ORDINANCE** enacting chapter 95., Jackson County Code, 1984, consisting of sections 9500., 9501., 9502., 9503., 9504., and 9505., relating to the establishment of a Freedom Memorial Wall Commission.

**ORDINANCE NO. 4632**, June 23, 2014

**INTRODUCED BY** James D. Tindall, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Jackson County has a significant history related to the Civil Rights Movement in our community; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that a Freedom Memorial Wall be created to recognize and memorialize those individuals who have participated in the Civil Rights Movement in Jackson County; and

WHEREAS, the Freedom Memorial Wall will be located in the Leon Jordan Memorial Park at 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Benton Boulevard in Kansas City, Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Freedom Memorial Wall Commission is necessary to select inductees to be honored with the inscription of their names on the Freedom Memorial Wall; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature hereby approves the creation of the Freedom Memorial Wall Commission; now therefore,

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

Section A. Enacting Clause. Chapter 95., Jackson County Code, 1984, consisting of sections 9500., 9501., 9502., 9503., 9504., and 9505. is hereby enacted, to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 95

### FREEDOM MEMORIAL WALL COMMISSION

#### 9500. Freedom Memorial Wall Commission Established.

There is established the Freedom Memorial Wall Commission.

#### 9501. Membership.

The County Executive shall appoint seven (7) members to the Commission subject to the disapproval of the Legislature. All members shall be residents of Jackson County. One member shall be a member of the County Legislature. All members shall be business, community, and/or neighborhood leaders, who possess significant knowledge about the civil rights movement and the contributions of African Americans and other minority groups to the history and development of Jackson County. The County Executive shall solicit nominations to the Commission from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Metropolitan Organization for Racial and Economic Equity (MORE<sup>2</sup>), the Metropolitan Community Colleges, Penn Valley Campus, and

neighborhood organizations within the County. The County Executive shall give the strongest possible consideration to the appointment of the presidents or other chief executive officers of the specific organizations named above to serve on the Commission.

9501.1 Term

Each member, except for the County Legislator member, shall serve a term of three years, and may be reappointed to two additional three-year terms. The County Legislator member shall serve a term coterminous with his or her term on the County Legislature.

9502. Chairman.

The County Executive shall designate one member as chairman.

9503. Compensation.

Commission members shall serve without compensation.

9504. Freedom Memorial Wall Commission, Purpose and Duties.

The Freedom Memorial Wall Commission shall have the following purpose and duties:

9504.1 Purpose.

The Commission's purpose is to select inductees for the Freedom Memorial Wall, which will be located at 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Benton Boulevard in Kansas City,

Jackson County, Missouri in the Leon Jordan Memorial Park. The Freedom Memorial Wall will honor those that have made significant contributions to the Civil Rights Movement in Jackson County.

9504.2 Inductee Selection.

The Commission shall meet annually to select approximately one hundred (100) inductees each year for approximately ten (10) years. Inductees can be selected posthumously. The inaugural Commission will create the guidelines for the selection process of inductees.

9504.3 Induction Ceremonies.


With the assistance of the Jackson County government, the Commission will plan an induction ceremony that appropriately honors inductees and or their families. The Commission may decide to conduct this ceremony during Black History Month, or on Memorial Day, Martin Luther King's birthday, or on any other date the Commission may choose.

9505. Expiration Date, Extension.

The Commission shall cease to exist when one thousand (1000) names have been placed on the Freedom Memorial Wall unless the Legislature, by ordinance, authorizes its continuation.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Chief Deputy County Counselor

  
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County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 4632 introduced on June 23, 2014, was duly passed on JUNE 30, 2014 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 9

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

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

6/30/14  
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Date

  
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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 4632.

6/30/2014  
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Date

  
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Michael D. Sanders, County Executive