

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE prohibiting all permit and zoning approvals for non-County or municipal government owned detention facilities.

ORDINANCE NO. 6061, February 2, 2026

INTRODUCED BY Manuel Abarca IV, County Legislator

WHEREAS, declaring a moratorium until January 15, 2031, on all approvals for non-County or municipal government owned detention facilities, including the approval of building permits, special use permits, zoning applications, plan review, project plans, development plans, and zoning changes where the subject matter of the project is a proposed non-County or municipal detention facility; now therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED that the Jackson County Legislature hereby declare that there is a moratorium on all approvals for non-County or municipal detention facilities, including the issuance or approval of building permits, special use permits, zoning applications, plan review, project plans, development plans, and zoning changes, and any other approvals allowing the acquisition, construction, facilitation, or expansion of an existing project or initiation of a new project when the application for the project was filed on or after January 15, 2026, and where the subject matter of the project is for any purpose relating or incidental to detention, corrections, or other carceral activities, with exceptions for any municipally owned or operated facility; and,

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED this moratorium shall remain in effect until January 15, 2031.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Whitney Miller
Whitney Miller (Jan 29, 2026 15:32:48 CST)
County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached ordinance, Ordinance No. 6061 introduced on February 2, 2026, was duly passed on March 2, 2026 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 6

Nays 1

Abstaining 0

Excused 2

Absent 0

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

3.2.2026
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 6061.

3-4-2026
Date

Phil LeVota
Phil LeVota, County Executive