

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

**A RESOLUTION** proposing a 30-day joint study between Jackson County and the City of Kansas City, Missouri to explore the feasibility of utilizing the existing Jackson County Detention Center as a temporary jail facility for the City following the County's transition to its new detention center in January 2026, under a cooperative agreement at no cost to the City provided it assumes maintenance and operating costs, and directing that such study proceed concurrently with the City's solicitation of bids for a temporary jail.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22038**, September 22, 2025

**INTRODUCED BY** Sean E. Smith, County Legislator

WHEREAS, Jackson County is scheduled to transition to a new Detention Center in January of 2026, with no operating plans for the current facility; and,

WHEREAS, Kansas City, Missouri's elected leaders have expressed a need for a municipal jail; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County's existing Detention Center regularly cooperates with the Kansas City Police Department to detain individuals who are awaiting trial; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County's existing Detention Center continues to have the capacity to house inmates as it reaches the end of its service life; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County has an opportunity to repurpose the existing Detention Center for the City's use; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County shall not impose a charge to the City for use of the facility provided that the City appropriates the costs of operation and maintenance of the facility as a detention center after January of 2026; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the community for the County and the City to work together on major projects, ongoing needs, and community services and it is in the County's interest for the City to have a functioning detention center; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri is expected to publish bids for a temporary jail in September of 2025; and,

WHEREAS, a 30-day joint study will confirm the feasibility of this plan without interrupting the City's bidding process, allowing the City and the County to explore options concurrently; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri that the Jackson County Sheriff is hereby authorized and requested to initiate a 30-day joint study with the City of Kansas City, Missouri to assess the feasibility of entering into a cooperative agreement for the City's temporary use of the existing Jackson County Detention Center after January of 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall commence immediately and run concurrently with the City's solicitation of bids for a temporary jail facility.

Effective Date: This resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage by a majority of the Legislature.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Bryan Covinsky*

Bryan Covinsky (Sep 17, 2025 15:27:38 CDT)

County Counselor

### Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 22038 of September 22, 2025, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_

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Date

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Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature