

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION requiring the Jackson County property cards provided by the Assessment Department to include photographs of the property inspection and related property comparable sales that were used to determine the Fair Market Value (FMV) and property classification.

RESOLUTION NO. 21843, January 27, 2025

INTRODUCED BY Sean Smith, County Legislator

WHEREAS, currently Jackson County taxpayers must submit a Sunshine Request to receive information related to their property's tax assessment; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County property cards do not contain all the information the County has on file that is used to determine a property's tax assessment; and,

WHEREAS, the Jackson County Assessment Department has that information in an easily accessible database; and,

WHEREAS, the County Legislature asserts that taxpayers have the right to timely access information related to their property assessments, regardless of the County's legal obligations under the Sunshine Act, and that this information shall be made fully available, without any restrictions or limitations; and,

WHEREAS, additional information taxpayers provide during the process of appealing a property's tax assessment shall not be used by any entity other than the Jackson County Assessment Department and the Jackson County Board of Equalization; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Jackson County Assessor shall amend property cards to include the following: photographic evidence of inspection of the property, related property comparable sales used to determine Fair Market Value, and the property classification; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that information collected by the Assessor to determine property values must not be supplemented after the assessment is complete; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any information obtained and used by the Assessment Department must be fully documented and completed before the property card is sent to the taxpayer; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the Assessor requires more information than what was originally collected to validate the property value, the assessment of that property shall be deemed incomplete.

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 (Jan 23, 2025 09:57 CST)
County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21843 of January 27, 2025, was duly passed on _____, 2025 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Abstaining _____

Absent _____

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature