

IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE amending Chapter 55, Jackson County Code, 1984, to add a new section to be known as section 5540. relating to enforcement officers' false information on reports.

ORDINANCE NO. 5858, June 10, 2024

INTRODUCED BY Venessa Huskey, County Legislator

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

Section A. Enacting Clause. Section 5549., Jackson County Code, 1984, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

Section 5549.1 -- Law Enforcement Officer Knowingly Including False Information in Report:

a. No law enforcement officer shall knowingly make a false material statement in any report or affidavit written by such a law enforcement officer.

b. A statement is material for the purposes of this section if, regardless of its potential admissibility at trial, it could substantially affect, or did substantially affect, the course or outcome of an investigation, a charging decision, or the outcome of any cause, matter, or proceedings.

c. It is not a violation of this section for a law enforcement officer to include a correct summary of a witness's statements in a report even if that witness's statement is false or potentially false.

d. For the purposes of this section, a law enforcement officer is any public servant having both the power and duty to make arrests for violations of the laws of this state or

any civilian employee of a governmental agency with the power to make arrests in his or her official capacity.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Bryan Covinsky
Bryan Covinsky (Jun 6, 2024 11:12 CDT)

County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance No. 5858 introduced on June 10, 2024, was duly passed on June 24, 2024 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 8

Nays 0

Abstaining 0

Absent 1

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

6-24-2024
Date

Mary Jo Spino
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of the Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance No. 5858.

6/25/24
Date

Frank White, Jr.
Frank White, Jr., County Executive