IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

AN ORDINANCE repealing section 241., <u>Jackson County Code</u> 1984, relating to the County Counselor, and enacting, in lieu thereof, one new section relating to the same subject.

ORDINANCE NO. 5197, February 11, 2019

INTRODUCED BY Theresa Galvin, County Legislator

WHEREAS, pursuant to the amendment to Article V of the 2010 Jackson County Charter adopted by the voters on November, contracts for legal and other services entered into by the County Counselor are subject to legislative approval; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined it to be in the interests of governmental efficiency that the County Counselor be allowed to retain court reporters, mediators, and expert witnesses, subject to the availability of budgeted funds, without securing further legislative approval; now therefore,

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

Section A. <u>Enacting Clause.</u> Section 241., <u>Jackson County Code</u>, 1984, is hereby repealed, and one new section enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 241, to read as follows:

241. [Professional Services Contracts.

The county counselor shall file with the clerk of the county legislature a copy of each professional services contract executed pursuant to the county counselor's authority granted under article V, section 6 of the Constitutional Home Rule Charter of Jackson County.]

Contracting Authority.

Subject to the provisions of chapter 10 of this code and available funds, the County Counselor may contract for court reporting, mediation, and expert witness services necessary to support the operations of the County Counselor's Office, without further legislative approval. To the extent practicable, the County Counselor shall advertise and utilize competitive selection procedures for the procurement of these services. The procurement of legal services shall be governed by article V, section 7 of the charter.