



# Jackson County Missouri

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## Legislation Text

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Legislature As A Whole  
Floor Amendment  
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### IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

**AN ORDINANCE** submitting to the qualified voters of Jackson County, Missouri, at the primary election to be held on August 8, 2006, a question authorizing Jackson County to reimpose a tax at the rate of 7% of the local tariff rate for each telephone access line, not to exceed one hundred lines, for emergency telephone service utilizing a single three-digit number "911."

**ORDINANCE 3771**, May 22, 2006

**INTRODUCED BY** Fred Arbanas, Scott Burnett, Bob Spence, Eugene Standifer, Jr.,  
Robert A. Stringfield, and Dennis Waits, County Legislators

WHEREAS, §190.300 et seq., RSMo, as amended, authorizes the County Legislature to establish a tax, upon a vote of the people, to finance an emergency telephone service, in an amount not to exceed fifteen percent of the tariff rate, in those areas of the County where emergency 911 telephone service has been contracted for; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance 940, the proposal was submitted to the voters of Jackson County, on August 6, 1982, for their approval of such service and tax, at a maximum rate of 2.0% of the tariff rate, in accordance with §190.320, RSMo, and a majority of the votes cast on the proposal were in favor thereof; and,

WHEREAS, AT&T, under contract with the County, presently provides 911 emergency telephone

services to most areas of the County, and collects a tax of 2.0% of the tariff rate for this service, pursuant to Ordinance 3407; and,

WHEREAS, United Telecommunications, under contract with the County presently provides 911 emergency telephone service to certain other unincorporated areas of Jackson County and to the cities of Oak Grove, Buckner, Lake Lotawana, Lone Jack, Levasy, and Sibley, and collects a tax of 2.0% of the tariff rate for this service, pursuant to Ordinance 3407; and,

WHEREAS, in view of current shortfalls in E-911 funding and plans for the upgrading of the regional E-911 system presented by the Mid-America Regional Council, it is appropriate that the tax be increased; and,

WHEREAS, voter approval of any increase above the current 2.0% rate is required; and,

WHEREAS, the Legislature has determined that, for the protection and preservation of public health and welfare, the operation of an emergency telephone system is beneficial to the citizens of the County; now therefore,

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

Section 1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 190.300 et seq. RSMo 2000, as amended, there is hereby submitted to the qualified voters of Jackson County at the primary election to be held on August 8, 2006, a question authorizing the reimposition of a tax at a rate not to exceed seven percent of the tariff rate for each local telephone exchange line not to exceed one hundred lines, to finance

emergency telephone service utilizing a single three-digit number "911," for reporting law enforcement, fire, medical, and other emergencies, as provided by Missouri law.

Section 2. The qualified voters at said election shall vote by ballot and the ballots to be used at said election shall contain the following language:

**JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI  
QUESTION # 1  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
AUGUST 8, 2006  
OFFICIAL BALLOT**

Shall Jackson County reimpose a tax at a rate not to exceed seven percent of the tariff rate for each local telephone exchange line to ensure the continuation of 911 emergency telephone service for reporting law enforcement, fire, medical, and other emergencies in Jackson County?

YES G

NO G

If you are in favor of the question, place an "x" in the box opposite "Yes." If you are opposed to the question, place an "x" in the box opposite "No."

Section 3. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to notify the Jackson County and Kansas City Boards of Election Commissioners of the adoption of this Ordinance no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 30, 2006, and to include in said notification all of the terms and provisions

required by §115.125, RSMo Supp. 2005.

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Chief Deputy County Counselor

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County Counselor

I hereby certify that the attached Ordinance, Ordinance # 3771 introduced on May 22, 2006, was duly passed on \_\_\_\_\_ May 24 \_\_\_\_\_, 2006 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas \_\_\_\_\_ 9 \_\_\_\_\_

Nays \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

Absent \_\_\_\_\_ 0 \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature

I hereby approve the attached Ordinance # 3771.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Katheryn J. Shields, County Executive