



Jackson County Missouri

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IN THE COUNTY LEGISLATURE OF JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI

A RESOLUTION recognizing the risk and negative impacts of overreliance on property taxes to fund critical governmental functions.

RESOLUTION NO. 21225, April 3, 2023

INTRODUCED BY Sean E. Smith, County Legislator

WHEREAS, the County relies upon both personal and real property taxes as principal sources of revenue; and,

WHEREAS, numerous items of legislation contemplate eliminating or reducing property tax revenues received by local taxing jurisdictions; and,

WHEREAS, current Missouri property tax law and processes result in considerable negative effects on the County's citizens, including financial hardship and potential for foreclosures and evictions; and,

WHEREAS, Jackson County Question 1 on the ballot for the upcoming April 4 special election, a County-wide sales tax on sales of non-medicinal marijuana, may represent a substantial new revenue source whose amount cannot yet be determined; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County to reduce its reliance on personal property taxes

and owner-occupied residential property taxes; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Legislature of Jackson County, Missouri, that, if Jackson County, Missouri Question 1 is passed by a majority of voters, the Legislature intends to sequester the unknown amount of revenue until the end of each fiscal year, at which point the Legislature intends to utilize no less than 85% of the new revenue generated as a result of the Question 1 sales tax to offset and reduce the County's reliance upon personal and real property taxes.

..Enacted and Approved

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

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chief Deputy County Counselor

County Counselor

Certificate of Passage

I hereby certify that the attached resolution, Resolution No. 21225 of April 3, 2023, was defeated on May 15, 2023 by the Jackson County Legislature. The votes thereon were as follows:

Yeas 2

Nays 7

Abstaining 0

Absent 0

Date

Mary Jo Spino, Clerk of Legislature