

BILL NO. 16-116

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2. ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL, SEC. 2-1. OFFICIAL CITY SEAL, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT BY REDEFINING THE OFFICIAL CORPORATE SEAL FOR THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, JACKSON COUNTY, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, Mr. William B. Howard filed a plat in 1865 entitled "The Town of Strother, which encompassed an eleven-block area within Jackson County; and,

WHEREAS, a petition, signed by two-thirds of the taxable inhabitants of the Town of Strother in Jackson County and setting forth the metes and bounds of said town, was submitted to the Jackson County Court for incorporation as the "Town of Lee's Summit". Said petition was approved on November 4, 1868; and,

WHEREAS, after passage by voters on December 1, 1877, the "Town of Lee's Summit" was incorporated as a City of the Fourth Class, herein to be known as the "City of Lees Summit"; and,

WHEREAS, an ordinance was passed by the Board of Aldermen for the City of Lee's Summit on April 11, 1911, stating "There shall be procured and kept for the use of the City a common seal, the device whereof shall be a bullock's head, inscribed with the words 'The City of Lee's Summit, Missouri' in Roman capitals, and one and three-quarter inches in diameter"; and,

WHEREAS, the above-described seal was adopted at a time when Lee's Summit was mainly an agrarian community, where the richness of the soil and the excellent location made mixed farming successful. The area became known for livestock breeding and dairy production, thus the basis for the design of a bullock's head on the seal; and,

WHEREAS, since the initial adoption of this seal, Lee's Summit has become a thriving, modern city, more suited to commercial than bucolic pursuits; and,

WHEREAS, to commemorate the nation's bicentennial in 1976, the City of Lee's Summit held a contest for a logo. The winning design, created by Mr. James Ware, was used for many years. This design, which symbolizes the city's past and future, has become synonymous with the city and the city government; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit desires to replace the existing City Seal, adopted in 1911, with the design created by Mr. Ware.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 2. Administration, Article I. In General, Sec. 2-1. Official City Seal, of the Code of Ordinances for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, shall be amended by retiring the common seal for the City of Lee's Summit adopted April 11, 1911, and replaced with the following describe design:

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- The colors of red, white and blue tie in with the national flag, except that the colors red, white and blue need not be present in order for the seal to be considered the Official Corporate Seal for the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri.
- The bust of founder William B. Howard faces west, the direction of the country’s growth.
- Wide, dark furrows represent the rich soil of the area that was famous for growing abundant crops of fruits and vegetables.
- These furrows culminate in a point which represents the highest point of land between St. Louis and Leavenworth.
- Traversing the furrows is a stylized railroad track, a major contributor to the growth of Lee’s Summit. The tracks sit on land donated by William Howard, a man concerned for the growth and progress of Lee’s Summit.
- At the apex of the point is the sunrise, representing the promising future of Lee’s Summit.

SECTION 2. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, passage, and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor *Randall L. Rhoads*

ATTEST:

City Clerk *Denise R. Chisum*

APPROVED by the Mayor of said city this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Mayor *Randall L. Rhoads*

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*