

BILL NO. 24-042

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES SECTION 12-4. USE OF CITY STAFF AND RESOURCES PRIOR TO AN ELECTION TO MODIFY THE TERMS THEREOF TO COINCIDE WITH THE FIRST DATE OF CANDIDATE FILING.

WHEREAS, in 2018 the City Council enacted Ordinance No. 8513 wherein no City staff and no City resources may be utilized to hold, support or promote a Council District specific forum after February 1 of any general municipal election year until after such election; and,

WHEREAS, this Ordinance modifies the beginning date of such prohibition to coincide with the first date of candidate filing for municipal office.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 12-4. Use of City staff and resources prior to an election. Be amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 12-4. Use of City staff and resources prior to an election.

No member of City staff shall appear in any official capacity at any forum identified as a district specific public forum from and after **the first day of candidate filing for a City municipal office** ~~February 1 of any year in which a general municipal election is to be held~~ until such election day has passed. Additionally, no City resources, equipment or funds shall be used to support or in any way promote such a forum. Nothing herein shall prohibit a City staff member from attending such a forum as a citizen. No staff member so attending shall be asked to provide information on behalf of the City in any matter.”

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

SECTION 3. That should any section, sentence, or clause of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences or clauses.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this ____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST:

Mayor *William A. Baird*

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

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APPROVED by the Mayor of said city this ____ day of _____, 2024.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*