

## **BILL NO. 22-59**

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 2-253. MEMBERS TO BE QUALIFIED VOTERS – EXCEPTIONS. PROVIDING GENERALLY FOR THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF CITY BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS.

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to add a section to the City Code to impose a requirement that persons sitting on City boards, committees, and commissions must be qualified voters of the City, except in certain circumstances or as otherwise required by law.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, as follows:

SECTION 1. That a new "Sec. 2-253. Members to be qualified voters – exceptions." be enacted to read as follows:

'Sec. 2-253. Members to be registered voters – exceptions.

All proposed appointees to City boards, committees, and commissions shall be qualified voters of the City as defined by the Charter of the City of Lee's Summit, except as otherwise may be provided by resolution, ordinance, statute, or the Missouri Constitution. However, a person who is not a qualified voter of the City may be appointed to any City board, committee, or commission seat provided that the Mayor has determined after due diligence that no qualified voters of the City exist within the City to fill the position or that no qualified voters of the City have applied for such board or commission.

Any proposed appointee to a City board, committee, or commission seat that requires that the seat be filled by a qualified voter, but who is not a qualified voter at the time of nomination, shall not be appointed unless he or she shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire City Council.

Any registered voter who is appointed to a board, committee, or commission, and who thereafter becomes ineligible under this Section 2-253 during the person's term of service because the person is no longer a qualified voter, shall be deemed to resign the person's seat on such board, committee, or commission as of the date that the person is no longer a qualified voter of the City, and the position shall be promptly filled as provided by law. All members of a board, committee, or commission shall report his or her home address yearly to the City Clerk and at any time when such address changes.

The information provided to the City Council at the time that an appointment is recommended shall include whether or not the individual is a qualified voter of the City.

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

SECTION 3. 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.

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PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor *William A. Baird*

ATTEST:

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City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED by the Mayor of said city this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor *William A. Baird*

ATTEST:

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City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney *Brian W. Head*