

## **BILL NO. 25-048**

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL OF CHAPTER 10. EMERGENCY AND DISASTER PLANNING AND RESPONSE, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT MISSOURI BY ENACTING A NEW SECTION 10-11. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT – MAYORAL SUCCESSION; DEALING GENERALLY WITH RULES FOR THE SUCCESSION OF MAYORAL POWER IN THE EVENT OF ABSENCE OR DISABILITY.

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

SECTION 1. That Article 1. In General of Chapter 10. Emergency and Disaster Planning and Response, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri be amended by enacting one new section to read as follows:

“Sec. 10-11 Continuity of Government – Mayoral Succession

For the purpose of determining the order of succession for the office of Mayor when the incumbent is not immediately available to act due to absence or disability the following order of succession shall apply:

- A. Mayor Pro Tempore
- B. If neither the Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tempore are available due to absence or disability then the chairs of the following committees shall, in the following order of succession, act as Mayor until the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tempore resume the duties of their office:
  - 1. Public Works Committee
  - 2. Finance and Budget Committee
  - 3. Community and Economic Development Committee
  - 4. Legislative and Intergovernmental Relations Committee
  - 5. Rules Committee
- C. If the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tempore and all committee chairs are unavailable then the succession shall fall to the Councilmember with the next highest seniority and so forth.
- D. In cases where Councilmembers were inaugurated on the same day, the order of succession will be decided alphabetically by last name.
- E. No person serving as the chair of a City Council Committee as listed in section B above may serve as Mayor as provided in this section unless such person shall have first served for two years at any time as a Councilmember.”

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

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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.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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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*