

RESOLUTION NO. 25-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, AFFIRMING STRONG COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY AND ESTABLISHING A FIRM COMMITMENT TO THE REDUCTION OF VIOLENT CRIME WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION.

WHEREAS, the safety and security of all residents, businesses, and visitors of the City of Lee's Summit are of paramount importance to the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that public safety is a cornerstone of a thriving community, contributing to the overall quality of life and economic prosperity of Lee's Summit; and,

WHEREAS, a collaborative partnership between the community, local government, and law enforcement is essential for effectively addressing crime and enhancing public safety; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit has a strong history of supporting its police department and investing in public safety initiatives to meet the needs of a growing community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges the significant role of the Lee's Summit Police Department in maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council is committed to proactively addressing crime trends and providing the necessary resources to ensure a safe environment for all; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the particularly detrimental impact of violent crime on individuals and the community as a whole and affirms its dedication to actively working towards its reduction; and,

WHEREAS, the Police Department's crime reduction efforts have been supported by funding through voter-approved No Tax Increase Bonds for capital projects, a dedicated Public Safety Sales Tax for personnel and program expansions, and General Obligation Bonds for emergency preparedness and facilities, along with targeted grants and partnerships; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council supports the Police Department's ongoing efforts and strategic planning, including initiatives outlined in the Lee's Summit Police Department Blueprint Vision Statement, aimed at enhancing public safety and reducing crime; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes the importance of community engagement and partnerships with local stakeholders in achieving public safety goals.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Lee's Summit hereby reaffirms its commitment to the public safety of its residents, businesses, and visitors.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby declares its strong and explicit commitment to the reduction of violent crime within the jurisdiction of the City of Lee's Summit.

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SECTION 3. The City Council pledges to continue to prioritize investments in public safety, including but not limited to the Police Department, emergency services, and community-based crime prevention programs, as demonstrated by the investments made in recent years and included in the current budget.

SECTION 4. The City Council supports the Police Department in its efforts to implement proactive policing practices, engage with the community, participate in regional anti-crime task forces, and adopt innovative strategies to prevent and reduce crime.

SECTION 5. The City Council encourages and supports community participation in policing initiatives and partnerships with local stakeholders to collectively enhance public safety.

SECTION 6. The City Council commit to regularly reviewing and supporting policies and funding that enhance public safety and contribute to the reduction of violent crime in Lee's Summit.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall serve as a clear demonstration of the City Council's dedication to fostering a safe and secure community for all who live, work, and visit Lee's Summit.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor *William A. Baird*

ATTEST:

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*