

BILL NO. 25-112

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPROVE CLAIMS EXPENSES, PAYMENTS OR SETTLEMENTS UP TO \$75,000.00 PER CLAIM AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY ATTORNEY TO APPROVE CLAIMS EXPENSES, PAYMENTS OR SETTLEMENTS UP TO \$25,000.00 PER CLAIM.

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri is a constitutional charter City, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri (hereinafter "City"); and,

WHEREAS, the City currently maintains a robust property and liability insurance program, wherein the City manages a deductible reimbursement amount for claims, handling most matters in-house, and enjoys flexibility and autonomy in the claim management process; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to convey authority to the City Manager to approve payments for individual settlements, or claims expenses, up to \$75,000.00 per claim; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to convey authority upon the City Attorney to approve individual settlements or claims expenses in amounts not to exceed \$20,000.00 per claim.

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

SECTION 1. There is hereby enacted a new Division containing two new Sections of the Code of Ordinances within Article X Risk Management to read as follows:

DIVISION 2. - SETTLEMENT AUTHORITY

Section 2-554 City Manager settlement authority.

The City Manager is hereby authorized to approve claims expenses, payments or settlements up to \$75,000.00 per claim. subject to the annually budgeted maximum for all claims and the expenses of handling those claims.

Section 2-555 City Attorney settlement authority.

The City Attorney is hereby authorized to approve claims expenses, payments or settlements up to \$25,000.00 per claim, subject to the annually budgeted maximum for all claims and the expenses of handling those claims.

SECTION 2. 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. 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 Lee's Summit, Missouri this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor *William A. Baird*

ATTEST:

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED by the Mayor of said City this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor *William A. Baird*

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City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*