

RESOLUTION NO. 25-17

A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH THE GREEN STREET FIRST AMENDMENT PUBLIC FORUM POLICY FOR THE CITY OF LEE'S SUMMIT, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the City of Lee's Summit Missouri (the "City") may adopt reasonable content-neutral time, place, and manner restrictions on expressive activities in public forum areas which leave open alternative avenues of communication. Traditional public forums fall within the protection and enforcement of the First Amendment guaranty of free speech and expression and are traditionally public places which the government has expressly dedicated to speech activity, such as sidewalks and streets. The City may also designate City owned property and public areas as limited public forums, which are designated public forums that the government intentionally opens to expressive activity for a limited purpose such as use by certain groups or use for discussion of certain subjects, such as a City Council meeting of City Hall itself; and,

WHEREAS, historically, the Civic Plaza, an outdoor extension of City Hall, out to the sidewalk on the west side of Green Street, which is now a part of Green Street, was designated as a limited public forum. The City's previous policy for the Civic Plaza allowed people to picket or pass out leaflets and other information on the sidewalk and street adjacent to the Civic Plaza, but not in the Civic Plaza itself; and,

WHEREAS, The City wishes to designate the public forum status of Green Street, to reflect the historical limited public forum designation of the Civic Plaza, to comport with First Amendment law and to ensure that the public can exercise fundamental First Amendments rights;

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts the Green Street Public Forum Policy, attached as Exhibit A to this resolution and incorporated herein by reference.

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

PASSED and ADOPTED 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*