The City of Lee's Summit

Legislation Text

File #: BILL NO. 24-015, **Version:** 1

An Ordinance amending Chapter II of the City of Lee's Summit Municipal Code providing for rules relating to municipal court personnel management, defining terms, roles and responsibilities, and creating within Chapter 11 of the Lee's Summit Municipal Code two new sections: Section 11-5 Definitions and Section 11-6 Municipal Court Personnel Management for the City of Lee's Summit, Missouri. (CEDC 1/10/24)

Issue/Request:
The city is seeking clarity in the role of the City Manager in supporting the operations of the municipal court while preserving the separation of powers to enable the court to operate smoothly and efficiently

Key Issues:
- Appointment process for Court Administrator
- Defining role of City administration supporting the court
- Discipline of court staff for non-judicial related matters ie. absenteeism etc.

Proposed City Council Motion:
I move that the Committee recommend that the Council approve An ordinance amending Chapter II of the City of Lee's Summit providing for rules relating to municipal court personnel management, defining terms, roles and responsibilities, and creating within Chapter 11 of the Lee's Summit Municipal Code two new sections: Section 11-5 Definitions and Section 11-6 Municipal Court Personnel Management.

Background:
The City Charter contains some language in Article VII, Section 7.3 that must be clarified concerning the role to the city administration supporting the court. The purpose of this ordinance is to detail the appropriate functions of the city administration is supporting the court and dealing with court staff

Impact/Analysis:
Adoption of this ordinance will allow the certification that the Lee's Summit Municipal Division is operating in conformance with the minimum operating standards for municipal courts set out in Supreme Court Rule 37

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Staff recommends that the Council approve this ordinance.