

BILL NO.:24-0731

ORDINANCE NO.: 24- 0800

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER(s) Groetke

1 **AN ORDINANCE RENEWING AND READOPTING THE JEFFERSON**
2 **COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES WHICH PERTAIN TO THE PROCEDURE TO**
3 **DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL**
4 **INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN COUNTY OFFICIALS AS PROVIDED IN SECTION**
5 **105.483 ET SEQ. RSMO (2023) AND AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 105.485.4 RSMO**
6 **(2023).**

7 **WHEREAS**, previously Jefferson County, Missouri, established a conflict-of-interest
8 policy, procedure, and Ordinance applicable to certain officials of Jefferson County which is
9 mandated by state law at Section 105.483 et seq. RSMo. (2023); and,

10 **WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County, Missouri, Council desires to renew and readopt
11 the conflict-of-interest policy, procedure and Ordinance which must be renewed every two
12 (2) years as mandated by the State of Missouri, via the Missouri Ethics Commission under
13 and pursuant to Missouri State Law; and,

14 **WHEREAS**, the Jefferson County, Missouri, Council models the instant Ordinance
15 after the recommended Ordinance as drafted by the Missouri Ethics Commission.

16 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL,**
17 **AS FOLLOWS:**

18 **Section 1.** The Jefferson County, Missouri, Code of Ordinances are hereby

1 renewed, readopted, and shall be continued to be codified as follows:

2 **SECTION 115.010: DECLARATION OF POLICY**

3 The proper operation of county government requires that public officials and
4 employees be independent, impartial, and responsible to the people; that government
5 decisions and policy be made in the proper channels of the government structure; that public
6 office not be used for personal gain; and that the public have confidence in the integrity of its
7 government. In recognition of these goals and in accordance with the provisions of Section
8 105.483 et seq, RSMo., there is hereby established a procedure for disclosure by certain
9 officials and employees of private financial or other interests in matters affecting the County.

10 **SECTION 115.020: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

11 A. All elected and appointed officials as well as employees of Jefferson County
12 shall comply with Sections 105.450 et seq of the Missouri Revised Statutes on conflicts of
13 interest as well as any other state law governing official conduct.

14 B. Each member of the Jefferson County, Missouri, County Council or other
15 required appointee or employee who has a “substantial personal or private interest” in any
16 measure, bill, order, or ordinance proposed or pending before the County Council shall
17 disclose that interest to the Clerk of Jefferson County and such disclosure shall be recorded
18 in the journal of the County Council.

19 C. Substantial personal or private interest is defined as ownership by the
20 individual, his/her spouse, or his/her dependent children, whether singularly or collectively,
21 directly, or indirectly, of:

22 (1) 10% or more of any business entity; or

1 (2) An interest having a value of \$10,000 or more; or

2 (3) The receipt of a salary gratuity or other compensation or remuneration of
3 \$5,000 or more, per year, from any individual, partnership, organization, or
4 association within any calendar year.

5 **SECTION 115.030: DISCLOSURE OF REPORTS**

6 All Jefferson County elected officials, its chief administrative officer, its chief
7 purchasing officer, its County Counselor, officials, or employees authorized to promulgate or
8 vote on rules and regulations with the force of law shall disclose in writing the following
9 information by May 1st, or the appropriate deadline as referenced in Section 105.487 RSMo,
10 if any such transactions occurred during the previous calendar year:

11 1. For such person, and all persons within the first degree of consanguinity or
12 affinity of such person, the date, and the identities of the parties to each
13 transaction with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), if any,
14 that such person had with the political subdivision, other than compensation
15 received as an employee or payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to the
16 political subdivision, and other than transfers for no consideration to the
17 political subdivision; and

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19 2. The date and the identities of the parties to each transaction known to the
20 person with a total value in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500), if any, that
21 any business entity in which such person had a substantial interest, had with
22 the political subdivision, other than payment of any tax, fee or penalty due to

1 the political subdivision or transaction involving payment for providing
2 utility service to the political subdivision, and other than transfers for no
3 consideration to the political subdivision; and

4 3. The County Executive, Director of Administration, the members of the
5 County Council, The Auditor, the chief purchasing officer, and candidates for
6 those positions, also shall disclose in writing by May 1st, or the appropriate
7 deadline as referenced in Section 105.487, RSMo., for the previous calendar
8 year the following information:

9 a. The name and address of each of the employers of such
10 person from whom income of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more
11 was received during the year covered by the statement;

12 b. The name and address of each sole proprietorship which
13 he/she owned; the name, address and the general nature of the
14 business of each general partnership and joint venture in which he/she
15 was a partner or participant; the name and address of each partner or
16 co-participant for each partnership or joint venture unless such name
17 and addresses are filed by the partnership or joint venture with the
18 Secretary of State; the name, address and general nature of the
19 business conducted of any closely held corporation or limited
20 partnership in which the person owned ten percent (10%) or more of
21 any class of the outstanding stock or limited partners' units; and the
22 name of any publicly traded corporation or limited partnership which

1 is listed on a regulated stock exchange or automated quotation system
2 in which the person owned two percent (2%) or more of any class of
3 outstanding stock, limited partnership units or other equity interests;
4 c. The name and address of each corporation for which such
5 person served in the capacity of director, officer, or receiver.

6 **SECTION 115.040: OFFICIAL FILING OF REPORTS**

7 The report(s) shall be filed with the Jefferson County, County Clerk and with the
8 Missouri Ethics Commission. The reports shall be available for public inspection and
9 copying during normal business hours.

10 **SECTION 115.050: WHEN FILED**

11 A. The financial interest statements shall be filed at the following times, but no
12 person is required to file more than one financial interest statement in any calendar year.

13 1. Every person required to file a financial interest statement shall file the
14 statement annually not later than May 1 and the statement shall cover the
15 calendar year ending the immediately preceding December 31; provided that
16 any member of the (council/board) may supplement the financial interest
17 statement to report additional interests acquired after December 31 of the
18 covered year until the date of filing of the financial interest statement.

19 2. Each person appointed to office shall file the statement within thirty days of
20 such appointment or employment covering the calendar year ending the
21 previous December 31.

22 3. Every candidate required to file a personal financial disclosure statement shall

1 file no later than fourteen days after the close of filing at which the candidate
2 seeks nomination or election or nomination by caucus. The time period of this
3 statement shall cover the twelve months prior to the closing date of filing for
4 candidacy.

5 B. Financial disclosure reports giving the financial information required in
6 Section 3 shall be filed with the Jefferson County, County Clerk and with the Missouri
7 Ethics Commission. The reports shall be available for public inspection and copying during
8 normal business hours.

9 **SECTION 115.060: FILING OF ORDINANCE**

10 The Clerk of Jefferson County shall send a certified copy of this Ordinance to the
11 Missouri Ethics Commission within ten (10) days of its adoption.

12 **Section 2.** **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be in full effect from and after
13 the date of its enactment and passage and shall remain in effect for two years after the date of
14 its passage or until amended or repealed, but in no event for more than two years. If any part
15 of this Ordinance is invalid for any reason, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of
16 this Ordinance.

17 **Section 3.** **Governing Law.** This Ordinance shall be governed exclusively by
18 and construed in accordance with the applicable laws of the State of Missouri.

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THIS BILL BEING DULY INTRODUCED, THE MEMBERS OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL VOTED AS FOLLOWS:

Council Member District 1, Brian Haskins	Absent yes
Council Member District 2, Gene Barbagallo	yes
Council Member District 3, Lori Arons	yes
Council Member District 4, Charles Groeteke	yes
Council Member District 5, Scott Seek	Absent
Council Member District 6, Daniel Stallman	yes
Council Member District 7, Bob Tullock	yes

THE ABOVE BILL ON THIS 12 DAY OF August, 2024:

PASSED FAILED



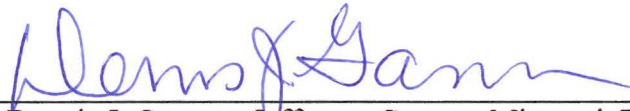
Charles Groeteke, County Council Chair



Cherylynn Boyer, Council Executive Assistant

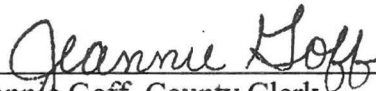
THIS BILL WAS ✓ APPROVED BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND ENACTED AS AN ORDINANCE OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, ON AUGUST 12, 2024.

THIS BILL WAS _____ VETOED AND RETURNED TO THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSOURI, COUNCIL WITH WRITTEN OBJECTIONS BY THE JEFFERSON COUNTY EXECUTIVE, ON _____.



Dennis J. Gannon, Jefferson County, Missouri, Executive

ATTEST:


Jeannie Goff, County Clerk

BY: Shelley Blankenship

First Reading: 7/22/2024
Second Reading: 8/12/24
Third Reading: 8/12/24