## **BILL NO. 2024 – 62 ORDINANCE NO. 1769**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING REPRESENTATION OF THE CITY OF PAGEDALE BY SWEET LAW OFFICES LLC IN LITIGATION AND FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF OTHER LEGAL SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH QUIETING TITLE TO VACANT CITY-OWNED PROPERTY, UNDER TERMS AND CONDITIONS SPECIFIED BELOW:

WHEREAS, the City of Pagedale ("Pagedale") has from time to time acquired interests in real property, including residential property, through legal processes that result in Pagedale owning title to the property without fully extinguishing all other potential claims to that property; and

WHEREAS, Pagedale has determined to obtain the legal representation necessary to clarify its ownership of certain real property, including among other things, obtaining a court order pursuant to the "quiet title" processes prescribed by state laws; and

WHEREAS, a local nonprofit foundation, Community Impact Network, has offered to assist Pagedale by providing the funding for attorney fees and expenses associated with that legal representation as part of its overall service to Pagedale and its residents.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS OF THE CITY OF PAGEDALE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Sweet Law Office LLC ("SLO") is authorized to represent Pagedale in legal representation necessary to clarify Pagedale's ownership of real property, including among other things, obtaining a court order pursuant to the "quiet title" processes prescribed by state laws.

Section 2. The City Attorney is authorized to assign, direct, and oversee the work of SLO on Pagedale's behalf, including assigning SLO work concerning specific properties from time to time. The City Attorney is further authorized to execute any documents necessary to effectuate SLO's representation of Pagedale, including but not limited to an engagement agreement with SLO that provides for payment of SLO's fees and expenses by a third party approved by the City Attorney and any certification of Pagedale's informed consent to the third party paying such fees and expenses required by Missouri Supreme Court Rule 4-1.8(f).

Section 3. This ordinance is conditioned on the City Attorney receiving satisfactory assurances from a third party that it will pay SLO's attorney fees and expenses regarding these matters and that Pagedale will not incur any such costs. Further, Pagedale agrees that SLO may disclose to Community Impact Network, or its affiliates information related to SLO's representation of Pagedale."

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERPERSONS OF THE CITY OF PAGEDALE THIS LAND OF LOCAL 2024.

APPROVED:

Faye Millett, Mayor, City of Pagedale

ATTEST:

Lois Sampson-Hooker, City Clerk of Pagedale