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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016- 184 RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION

1 APPOINTING Mary Cullers to the Board of Equalization, to fill the remaining term of
2 Bill Drummond, said term to expire on April 1, 2018. (Public
3 Involvement Committee recommends approval.)
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6 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Springfield, Missouri, is authorized by
7 § 138.015 RSMo. and City Charter § 5.5 to appoint members to the Board of
8 Equalization; and
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10 WHEREAS, there is currently an urgent need for membership on the Board of
11 Equalization for the July 26, 2016, meeting; and
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13 WHEREAS, the July meeting of the Board of Equalization is typically the meeting
14 in which it conducts hearings regarding disputes on the valuation of real property within
15 the City of Springfield and the County of Greene; and
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17 WHEREAS, said hearings are conducted once annually and said hearings must
18 not be conducted later than the last Saturday in the month of July; and
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20 WHEREAS, this appointment is being made by resolution to help ensure that
21 there can exist a quorum for the July 26, 2016 meeting of the Board of Equalization; and
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23 WHEREAS, on July 19, 2016, the Public Involvement Committee recommended
24 this appointment to the Board of Equalization
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26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
27 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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29 Section 1 – Mary Cullers is hereby appointed to the Board of Equalization. This
30 appointment is made to fill the unexpired term of Bill Drummond. Mary Cullers’ term is
31 set to expire on April 1, 2018.
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33 Section 2 - This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

34 Passed at meeting: _____

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Mayor

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Attest: _____, City Clerk

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Filed as Resolution _____

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Approved as to form: Franklin Don Rainey II, City Attorney

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Approved for Council action: [Signature], City Manager

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EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL NO: 2016- 184

FILED: 07-19-16

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Law

PURPOSE: To appoint Mary Cullers to a City Seat on the County Board of Tax Equalization.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: As a Charter City, Springfield has the statutory right to appoint members on the Board of Equalization.

At this time, the City has a vacancy which needs to be filled prior to Tuesday, July 26th, so that the Board may be fully staffed to hear cases on that day.

Typically these appointments are recommended to the Council by the Public Involvement Committee by placing candidates names in 'New Business' on the Council Agenda, then allowing two weeks until they are voted to be confirmed to allow comment and input.

Due to recent Board resignations, should Council follow its normal procedure, it may be difficult to field a quorum at the July 26, 2016 meeting. Should having a quorum be an issue, and without the opportunity to bring their case to the Board, any aggrieved citizen will be forced to forgo this local avenue and proceed to the State Tax Commission. This route will be more expensive and possibly can be avoided by the decision of the Board of Equalization.

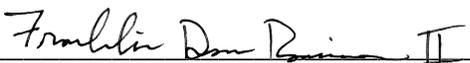
REMARKS: This appointment is recommended by the Public Involvement Committee.

Submitted by:



Nicholas Woodman, Assistant City Attorney

Authorized by:



Frank Romines, City Attorney



Greg Burris, City Manager