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COUNCIL BILL 2019 - 221

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1 AMENDING the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' by repealing in its
2 entirety Section 2-8 'Disclosure of certain transactions.'

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5 WHEREAS, RSMo Sec. 105-485.4 provides that a municipality may, in lieu of
6 utilizing the state financial disclosure law, adopt a municipal financial disclosure
7 ordinance by September 15 that is effective for two (2) years; and

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9 WHEREAS, the City adopted General Ordinance 6391 regarding financial
10 disclosure on August 21, 2017; and

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12 WHEREAS, pursuant to state law, General Ordinance 6391 could only be in
13 effect for a two-year period which ended as of September 15, 2019, and, therefore, by
14 force of state law General Ordinance 6391 is no longer in effect; and

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16 WHEREAS, passage of this Ordinance will remove the provisions of General
17 Ordinance 6391 from the City Code since such ordinance is no longer in effect.

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19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
20 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:

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22 Section 1 – The Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' is hereby
23 amended by repealing Section 2-8 'Disclosure of certain transactions' in its entirety.

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25 Section 2 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after
26 passage.

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28 Passed at meeting: _____

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Attest: _____, City Clerk

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Approved as to form: Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney

Approved for Council action: Jason A. Hage, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2019 - 221

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Law

PURPOSE: To amend the Springfield City Code, Chapter 2, 'Administration,' by repealing Section 2-8 'Disclosure of certain transactions' in its entirety.


BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Revised Statutes of Missouri Section 105-485 authorizes a municipality to adopt a financial disclosure ordinance, in lieu of the state financial disclosure law, every two years provided that the ordinance is adopted by September 15. The City adopted General Ordinance 6391 regarding financial disclosure on August 21, 2017. General Ordinance 6391 added Section 2-8 'Disclosure of certain transactions' to the City Code.

Pursuant to state law, General Ordinance 6391 could only be in effect for a two-year period which ended as of September 15, 2019, and, therefore, by force of state law General Ordinance 6391 is no longer in effect. However, General Ordinance 6391 did not include a sunset provision, so while the ordinance is no longer in effect, the only mechanism available to remove Section 2-8 from the City Code is an ordinance repealing the section. It is advisable to avoid confusion by readers of the City Code by removing Section 2-8 from the Code.

Financial disclosure by candidates for City Council, Council members, and certain City employees will still be required by state law.

Submitted by:

Approved by:


Rhonda Lewsader, City Attorney


Jason Gage, City Manager