



Legislation Text

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[COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR]ORDINANCE NO. 230822

Sponsor: Director of the Municipal Court

Authorizing the Court Administrator to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator for the implementation of the Show-Me-Courts court automation software in the Kansas City Municipal Division of the Circuit Court.

WHEREAS, Section 476.055, RSMo, established the Statewide Court Automation Fund, provided for a court automation committee to administer the fund, and directed the committee to develop and implement a plan for a statewide court automation system; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Supreme Court Operating Rule 1.01 specifies that the Missouri court automation committee has decision-making authority for all aspects of statewide court automation, including policy, technical, financial, and other aspects of statewide court automation; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Supreme Court Operating Rule 4.01 provides that the Missouri statewide court automation system is the uniform record keeping system for the circuit courts and is mandatory as to the form, style, and maintenance of records dealing with civil, criminal, juvenile, probate, mental health, family court, traffic, and municipal cases; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Supreme Court Operating Rule 4.01 further provides that any division of the circuit court may use its existing manual or automated system, and any upgrades approved by the state judicial records committee, until such time as the statewide court automation system is available for implementation in that division; and

WHEREAS, the Office of State Courts Administrator has notified the Kansas City Municipal Division of the 16th Judicial Circuit that the statewide court automation system is available for implementation in the Kansas City Municipal Division; and

WHEREAS, Section 476.056.1(2), RSMo, directs that any city, county, village or other municipality, in order to provide for the automation of its municipal court pursuant to Section 476.055, RSMo, shall enter into an agreement with the state courts administrator for automation of the municipality's court; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate a successful and efficient implementation of the Show-Me-Courts court automation software, the Council finds it necessary to establish a multi-disciplinary task force to assess ongoing issues with implementation and to make recommendations to ensure the continued equitable operation of the Municipal Division; NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Court Administrator and City Manager is authorized to enter into an

intergovernmental agreement with the Missouri Office of State Courts Administrator for the implementation of the Show-Me-Courts court automation software in the Kansas City Municipal Division of the Circuit Court, in substantial form as Exhibit A attached to this ordinance.

Section 2. That Council hereby establishes a Municipal Division Automation Task Force to assess ongoing issues with implementation of the Show-Me-Courts court automation software and to make recommendations to ensure the continued equitable operation of the Municipal Division. Such task force shall include the following individuals: a representative appointed by the Mayor, the Presiding Judge of the 16th Judicial Circuit Court or her designee, the Presiding Judge of the Municipal Division or her designee, the Court Administrator for the Kansas City Municipal Division, a member of the Law Department, a representative from the Prosecution Division of the Law Department, a member of the Municipal Division of Legal Aid of Western Missouri, and a member of the Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association Municipal Court Committee.

Approved as to form:

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