

JEFFERSON CITY, TENNESSEE

Resolution 2025 - 09

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY
FUNDRAISING FOR THE INSTALLATION, OPERATION,
AND MAINTENANCE OF A SAFE HAVEN BABY BOX AT
THE JEFFERSON CITY FIRE STATION**

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Safe Haven Law was enacted on July 1, 2001, and allows mothers of newborns to surrender unharmed babies within fourteen days of birth, anonymously and without fear of prosecution; and

WHEREAS, having a Safe Haven Baby Box available to members of the community has the potential of saving lives of newborn babies and deterring illegal abandonment of newborns; and

WHEREAS, the Save Haven Baby Box will raise awareness of issues related to the abandonment of newborns; and provide a last resort option for women who want to main complete anonymity.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Jefferson City to allow community fundraising efforts with the goal of installing a Safe Haven Baby Box at the Fire Station on City Center Drive.

FURTHERMORE, the City Council will assist this community effort by ensuring the training of the firefighters in the operation of the Safe Haven Baby Box, with the understanding that no city funds shall be used in the installation, operation and maintenance of the box.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of March, 2025.

APPROVED:

Mitch Cain, Mayor

Attest: _____
Bettina Chandler, City Recorder