

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AMENDING TITLE I (“GOVERNMENT CODE”), CHAPTER 115 (“MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL”), ARTICLE 115-II (“CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS”), SECTION 115.040 (“DUTY TO ATTEND MEETINGS”), OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri, (“City” or “Republic”) is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the City routinely reviews its Municipal Code to ensure conformity with governing state and federal law, enhance clarity, and eliminate ambiguity, as well as to the further promote the City’s mission, vision and values in the best interests of the City and its citizenship body as a whole; and

WHEREAS, in reviewing the Municipal Code consistent with the priorities listed herein above, City staff identified the need to clarify the procedures for excusing Councilmember absences.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Title I (“Government Code”), Chapter 115 (“Mayor And City Council”), Article 115-II (“City Council Meetings”), Section 115.040 (“Duty To Attend Meetings”) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Chapter 115 Mayor And City Council

Article 115-II City Council Meetings

115.040 Duty To Attend Meetings

A. It shall be the duty of each member of the City Council to be present at each meeting of the Council unless leave of absence is granted, or such member is sick and unable to attend. **Any absence may be excused by a majority vote of the non-absent Councilmembers at the request of the absent Councilmember.**

B. **In the event a Councilmember has been absent from three consecutive regular meetings of the Council without having been excused by the Council, the remaining Councilmembers shall vote on the matter of whether to excuse the three absences at issue at the next regular meeting following the third absence. The Councilmember with the absences shall abstain from voting on the matter, but may (1) provide written explanation to the City Clerk prior to the meeting at which the vote will take place, who shall then provide the same to the other Councilmembers, and (2) be present for the vote and participate in discussion on the matter preceding the vote. The Council may excuse such absences by majority vote of those Councilmembers present, excluding the Councilmember with the absences.**

EXPLANATION: Matter shown above in **bold-face/underlined font** (except for Chapter title(s)) is added language. Matter shown above in ~~strikethrough font~~ is deleted language.

Section 2: All other Sections of the Municipal Code of the City of Republic, Missouri, not specifically referenced in this Ordinance shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect.

- Section 3:** The City Administrator or his/her designee, on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to execute this Ordinance.
- Section 4:** The WHEREAS clauses above are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 5:** The provisions of this Ordinance are severable, and if any provisions hereof are declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.
- Section 6:** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this ____ day of May, 2024.

Attest:

Eric Franklin, Mayor

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: