

## **ORDINANCE NO. 2026 - 25**

### **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, PROHIBITING OPERATION OF VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS.**

**WHEREAS**, virtual currency kiosks provide a means of converting cash into digital assets that can be transferred quickly. virtual currency kiosks are frequently used by scammers to obtain funds from individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, virtual currency kiosks provide a means of converting cash into digital assets that can be transferred rapidly. The nature of these machines can make it difficult for law enforcement to monitor and identify fraudulent activity associated with kiosk transactions; and

**WHEREAS**, consumers who are misled, make errors, or fall victim to fraud may have limited recourse to recover their funds. Due to unfamiliarity, elderly and vulnerable individuals are frequently targeted by scams involving cryptocurrency kiosks. Scammers can use intimidation, deception, or urgency to convince these victims to transfer money through these machines; and

**WHEREAS**, reasonable safety limits have been adopted by other jurisdictions to enhance consumer protection and prevent kiosk fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it is in the best interest of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City of South Jordan City to prohibit the operation of virtual currency kiosks in the City of South Jordan limits.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH:**

**SECTION 1.** Enactment. Title 9, Chapter 08, in Section 040 “Virtual Currency Kiosks of the South Jordan Municipal Code is hereby enacted as follows:

#### **9.08.040 Virtual Currency Kiosks:**

A. Definitions: The following definitions shall apply for the purposes of this section:

1. “Virtual Currency” means a digital representation of value that is used as a medium of exchange, a unit of account, or a store of value, but does not have legal tender status as recognized by the United States Government.
2. “Virtual Currency Kiosk” means an electronic terminal or any other similar automated device, located in places of business, or areas generally accessible to the public, which acts as a mechanical agent of the Virtual Currency Kiosk Operator, enabling the exchange of Virtual Currency for money, bank credit, or other virtual currency. The term “Virtual Currency Kiosk” shall not include personal technology such as a personal computer, tablet, mobile device, or digital wallet used by an individual for personal, non-commercial purchase, sale, or storage of virtual currency or digital assets or point-of-sale terminals used by a

merchant for the sole purpose of accepting virtual currency as payment for legal goods or services offered by the merchant.

3. “Virtual Kiosk Operator” means a person or entity that:
- a. Knowingly permits the use or installation of a virtual currency kiosk on property owned, leased, or controlled by the person or entity.
  - b. Operates a Virtual Currency Kiosk within the corporate limits of South Jordan City; or
  - c. Owns a Virtual Currency Kiosk that is either located or operated within the corporate limits of South Jordan City.

B: Prohibited: It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to host, allow, operate, permit, locate or place a Virtual Currency Kiosk within the corporate limits of South Jordan City. A violation of this Section constitutes a class “B” misdemeanor.

C: Scope of Prohibition: This section shall not be construed to regulate, restrict, or prohibit the personal possession, storage, or transfer of Virtual Currency by an individual, provided such activity does not involve that use of a Virtual Currency Kiosk as defined in this Section and does not apply to transactions conducted via personal computers, mobile devices, or software-based virtual currency wallets that are not part of a Virtual Currency Kiosk located within the City.

**SECTION 2. COMPLIANCE.** All Virtual Currency Kiosks existing in the City as of the Effective Date of this ordinance must be removed within 60 days after the Effective Date. Failure to remove a Virtual Currency Kiosk within the 60-day period shall constitute a class “B” misdemeanor, with each day of continued violation constituting a separate offense.

**SECTION 3. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon publication or posting as required by law.

**SECTION 4. Severability.** If any section, part or provision of this Ordinance is held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance and all sections, parts, provisions and words of this Ordinance shall be severable.

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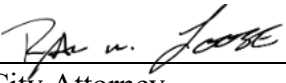
**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SOUTH JORDAN, UTAH, ON THIS 1st DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2026 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

|                | YES   | NO    | ABSTAIN | ABSENT |
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| Patrick Harris | _____ | _____ | _____   | _____  |
| Kathie Johnson | _____ | _____ | _____   | _____  |
| Donald Shelton | _____ | _____ | _____   | _____  |
| Tamara Zander  | _____ | _____ | _____   | _____  |
| Jason McGuire  | _____ | _____ | _____   | _____  |

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn R. Ramsey

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anna Crookston, City Recorder

Approved as to form:

  
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City Attorney