

**CITY OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI
(ORDINANCE)**

1ST READING__September 24, 2026

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TITLE

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A STATE OF FISCAL EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW, MISSOURI; AUTHORIZING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY MEASURES TO PRESERVE ESSENTIAL CITY FUNCTIONS; AND ESTABLISHING A PERIOD FOR FISCAL RESET, REBUILDING, OVERSIGHT, AND RECOVERY

WHEREAS, the City of Riverview, Missouri (the “City”) faces rapidly depleting available funds and a severe deterioration of its financial position; and,

WHEREAS, the City lacks sufficient financial resources to keep pace with ongoing obligations as they become due, creating an immediate threat to the City’s ability to maintain stable municipal operations; and,

WHEREAS, the City also faces an onslaught of litigation and related financial exposure arising from matters attributable to decisions, actions, omissions, and misdirection during previous administrations; and,

WHEREAS, these combined circumstances place the City at substantial risk of fiscal collapse unless the City takes immediate, disciplined, and temporary emergency action; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that the City must reset its financial priorities, rebuild its fiscal foundation, and reemerge with stronger internal controls, financial safeguards, accountability, transparency, and oversight designed to prevent a recurrence of the present crisis; and,

WHEREAS, during this emergency period, the City must preserve its limited resources for essential municipal functions, including public safety and services necessary to protect the health and welfare of City residents; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that a state of fiscal emergency should remain in effect for no fewer than ninety (90) days and may require extension if fiscal conditions warrant continued emergency measures.

ORDINANCE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF RIVERVIEW, COUNTY OF SAINT LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE:

The Board of Aldermen hereby declares a state of fiscal emergency in the City of Riverview based upon rapidly depleting funds, the City’s inability to keep pace with ongoing financial obligations,

and significant litigation and related financial exposure arising from matters attributable to previous administrative decisions.

SECTION TWO:

For the duration of the fiscal emergency, the City shall prioritize and maintain only those functions and expenditures that are essential to protect public safety, preserve the health and welfare of residents, satisfy obligations that the City is legally required to perform or pay, protect City assets, and prevent additional material financial harm. Nonessential expenditures, programs, purchases, commitments, and activities may be deferred, reduced, suspended, or discontinued to the extent permitted by law and as determined necessary by the Board of Aldermen or other authorized City officials. Employees will be furloughed. The police department will be temporarily disbanded.

SECTION THREE:

During the fiscal emergency, the City shall undertake a comprehensive fiscal reset and recovery effort. The City shall review revenues, expenditures, debts, contracts, claims, litigation exposure, internal financial procedures, purchasing practices, approval authority, reporting requirements, and other matters that affect the City's financial condition. The purpose of this review is to stabilize City finances, rebuild financial capacity, strengthen controls and oversight, improve accountability and transparency, and establish safeguards designed to reduce the risk of future fiscal collapse.

SECTION FOUR:

City officers, employees, departments, and agents shall cooperate with the fiscal reset and shall comply with temporary spending controls, reporting requirements, approval procedures, and other lawful emergency measures adopted or directed by the Board of Aldermen to preserve City resources and restore financial stability.

SECTION FIVE:

This state of fiscal emergency shall remain in effect for a minimum period of ninety (90) days from the date of adoption of this Ordinance. Before or upon expiration of that period, the Board of Aldermen shall review the City's financial condition. The Board may extend the state of fiscal emergency for one or more additional periods if it determines that financial conditions warrant continued emergency measures.

SECTION SIX:

Nothing in this Ordinance authorizes the City to disregard any obligation imposed by applicable federal law, Missouri law, court order, bond covenant, contract, collective bargaining agreement, or other legally binding requirement. Emergency measures authorized by this Ordinance shall be implemented only to the extent permitted by law.

SECTION SEVEN:

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

SECTION EIGHT:

All acts and parts of prior Ordinances or Ordinances adopted by the City that conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby superseded or repealed only to the extent permitted by law and only insofar as they conflict with this Ordinance.

Voting in Favor:

Voting Against: Abstain:

PASSED by the Board of Aldermen and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Riverview, Missouri, this 10th day of September, 2026.

_____ Konjit Avent, Mayor Pro Tem (Seal)

Attest:

Police Chief