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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the County Council

FROM: John Watson, County Counselor

RE: Ordinance Calling for the Amendment of the Charter in the Form of a Proposition Requiring that Consumers be informed of Tax Rates in Community Improvement Districts within St. Charles County on the August 4, 2020 Ballot

DATE: September 27, 2019

This ordinance would submit a proposed amendment to the SCCMO Charter at the August 4, 2020 election. The substantive change to the Charter would require that those businesses located in a Community Improvement District ("CID") would be required to prominently post at the point of sale that the business charges an additional sales tax-and include such rate in the notice-because it is located in a CID.

The objective of this proposed amendment to the SCCMO Charter is to inform consumers that they are paying additional sales taxes at that business location. Currently, this consumer notice provision is not required in Missouri's CID statutory scheme. However, state law does require such notice to consumers for Transportation Development Districts.

If adopted by the voters, this provision would be enforced by the County Counselor's Office. The penalty for violating this provision is \$100 for a first violation, \$200 for a second violation and \$500 for each additional violation within one (1) year. Each day on which a violation of the provision occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct violation.