Emergency Bill No. 4834
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WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann declared that a State of Emergency exists in St. Charles County, Missouri, to assist with the St. Charles County’s response to the health threat posed by SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes Novel Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”); and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared a pandemic due to COVID-19, and on March 13, 2020, Missouri Governor Michael L. Parson declared a State of Emergency in Missouri to assist with the State’s response to this health threat; and

WHEREAS, County government must continue to provide essential government services to its citizens and provide for the public health and safety of the residents of St. Charles County; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to adjust filing deadlines in response to the unprecedented emergency, in order to ensure that essential homeless and indigent citizen services can be
delivered; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Charter, Article II, Section 2.605 states that to meet a public emergency affecting the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare, the Council may adopt emergency ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2.529 of the Charter of St. Charles County provides that the County Council shall have the power to exercise legislative power pertaining to public health and welfare, police and traffic, building construction, and planning and zoning, in the part of the County outside incorporated Cities, Towns, and Villages, and on such other subjects as may be authorized by the Constitution or by applicable law; and

WHEREAS, in Sections 120.360 through 120.480, Ordinances of St. Charles County, Missouri (“OSCCMo”), St. Charles County established a Community Assistance Board for the purpose of distributing to nonprofit agencies funds from the County’s indigent fund to assist the indigent and funds raised by a user fee, approved by the voters of St. Charles County to assist the homeless, imposed on the recording of land records with the Recorder of Deeds; and

WHEREAS, Sections 120.470 require all agencies in receipt of funds from the Community Assistance Board to file annual service reports that include financial statements accompanied by external audits prepared by certified public accounting firms by April 15, annually; and

WHEREAS, St. Charles County finds that it is in the public interest to amend the reporting requirements in Sections 120.470.A
WHEREAS, St. Charles County further finds that it is in the public interest to amend and extend the April 15, 2020 deadline in Section 120.470’s reporting requirements to reflect the Federal Government’s extension to file income tax documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 120.470.A, OSCCMo, is hereby amended as follows: the April 15 deadline for filing service reports with the Community Assistance Board for Year 2020 eligible program funds is hereby extended to August 14, 2020. All references to “April 15” in the Section 120.470.A OSCCMo., shall hereby be replaced with the new date of August 14, for the limited purpose of administering program funds for year 2020.

Section 2. Declaration of Emergency. An emergency exists because there have been confirmed and/or presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in the state including St. Charles County.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval and shall cease to be in full force and effect on December 31, 2020 unless further extended by the St. Charles County Council.

DATE PASSED

DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE
Emergency. Comm Dev. Amending Section 120.470.A. extending the deadline for the Community Assistance Board. 3-20.K