

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WARSON WOODS, MISSOURI,
PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF A NONBINDING BALLOT
QUESTION TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY AT THE
SPECIAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021.**

WHEREAS, Section 70.220 RSMo. provides that any municipality may contract and cooperate with any other municipality for a common service; and

WHEREAS, the City of Warson Woods has existing contracts with the City of Glendale for the provision of fire protection, EMS, and other services to the residents of Warson Woods; and

WHEREAS, the Board has raised the question of whether police services should also be consolidated with the other public safety services under contract with the City of Glendale; and

WHEREAS, residents have asked for such a question to be submitted to the voters or otherwise have a straw poll to gauge community support or disapproval; and

WHEREAS, the question of consolidation of police services with the City of Glendale cannot be submitted to the voters of Warson Woods in binding form since doing so would require an improper delegation of legislative authority and because such an agreement requires contractual terms to be approved by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Glendale; and

WHEREAS, the Board seeks input from residents on this important issue and, as such, is desirous of placing a nonbinding question on the next available ballot to receive guidance from the citizens; and

WHEREAS, this bill has been made available for public inspection prior to its consideration by the Board of Aldermen and read by title two times in open meeting prior to passage.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WARSON WOODS, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The following nonbinding question shall be submitted to the qualified voters of Warson Woods, Missouri at the special election hereby called and to be held in the City on Tuesday, the 3rd day of August 2021. The ballot of submission shall contain substantially the following language:

Shall the City of Warson Woods attempt to enter a contract to consolidate its police services with the City of Glendale?

Yes **No**

**If you are in favor of the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “Yes.”
If you are opposed to the question, place an “X” in the box opposite “No.”**

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2021.

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Paul V. Rost, City Attorney