

City Council Pledge

With the objective of encouraging:

- Constitutionally founded, conservative principles for local officials;
- Potential candidates for higher office with a Constitutional mindset;
- The ideals established by our country's founders of limited and restrained government as a Democratic Republic in place to protect the liberties and rights of the smallest minority, the individual;

various local citizens have established the following pledge to help determine their willingness to provide both volunteer and financial support. However, you hereby acknowledge that your signature does not guarantee you any future support financially, through volunteer assistance, or any other means by any group nor any individual. Those advocating this pledge seek nothing but the above. *(Please initial beside each number and sign below.)*

By my initials and signature below I pledge before my potential constituents as a Jackson City Councilman (Councilwoman) and God that:

1. I have read, will read upon any occasion warranting review no less than annually, and will continue to defer to: the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Tennessee when making decisions in my official capacity.
2. I will not vote nor lobby for a tax increase or new method of implementation of taxation of any kind, be it called a tax, fee, fine, or otherwise, including but not limited to, sales tax, use tax, property tax, wheel tax, licensing fee, use fee, traffic fine, etc. I understand that I may vote for a change in the method of taxation with the intent of attributing such tax most equitably to the parties to whom the cost of government is most directly attributable, **so long as**, such change can be documented in writing **NOT** to increase the total tax burden (e.g. I could vote to increase the court cost on criminal offenses so long as the proceeds from such cost does not enter the general fund, and it is offset with a wheel tax decrease; or, I could vote to increase the wheel tax so long as it is offset with an equivalent decrease in the property tax rate.).
3. I will work to reinstitute a balance of power in city government including working toward an amendment of the City of Jackson charter towards those ends. At the least, I will seek to place upon the ballot for referendum the opportunity of candidates to run for Jackson City Council with party affiliation.
4. I will impose a term-limit upon myself of not more than twelve years in the position of a Jackson City Councilman.
5. I will work to ensure Jackson City Police understand their Constitutional role in law enforcement as defenders of liberty not collectors of revenue.
6. I will work to completely rescind the use of red light cameras and traffic cameras in the City of Jackson because they are Unconstitutional in any form.
7. I will work to divest the City of Jackson from any governmental subsidization or guarantees of funding for private services (excluding government contracted services), including but not limited to, Jackson Energy Authority (JEA) and their use of public bonds to guarantee subsidized high speed internet service.
8. I will work to address crime in the City of Jackson by advocating for the 2nd Amendment, including but not limited to, continuing to support handgun carry without restriction and encouraging the lawful use of gun ownership even to the extent of tax offsets with a view to reduce crime.
9. I will work to ensure the safety of City of Jackson residents with respect to government effected services including requiring safe public drinking water and the safe implementation of public health services.
10. I will work to reverse the purported annexations initiated by the City of Jackson on October 3, 2006, of nearly 12 square miles of northwest Madison County.

Signature

Printed Name

Date