

Introduced by: Council Present

AN ORDINANCE TO ENABLE THE CITY OF BERKELEY, MISSOURI TO JOIN THE MISSOURI CLEAN ENERGY DISTRICT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS §67.2800 TO §67.2835, INCLUSIVE, RSMO., THE “PROPERTY ASSESSED CLEAN ENERGY ACT,” AND STATING THE TERMS UNDER WHICH THE CITY WILL CONDUCT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE CITY AS A MEMBER OF SUCH DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the 95th General Assembly of Missouri enacted Sections §67.2800 to §67.2835, inclusive, RSMo. the “Property Assessment Clean Energy Act” (the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, the development, production, and efficient use of clean energy and renewable energy, as well as the installation of energy efficiency improvements to publicly and privately owned real property, will create jobs for residents of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, advance the economic well-being and public and environmental health of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, and contribute to the energy independence of our nation; and

WHEREAS, the primary intent of funding energy efficiency and renewable energy improvements pursuant to the Act is to promote the public purposes described above; and

WHEREAS, Section §67.2810.1 authorizes one or more Municipalities (as defined in Section §67.2800.7) to establish a Clean Energy Development Board to initiate and administer a Property Assessed Clean Energy (“PACE”) Program so that owners of qualifying property can access funding for energy efficiency improvements or renewable energy improvements to their properties located in such Municipalities; and

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2011, a clean energy development board now named the Missouri Clean Energy District was created with the intention that all Municipalities within the State of Missouri would be eligible to join and participate by approving an appropriate ordinance or resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the City of Berkeley, Missouri and for the benefit of its residents to join and participate in the District.

Now, Therefore, Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Berkeley, Missouri, as follows:

Section 1. The Council of the City of Berkeley hereby approves and authorizes joining and participation in the Missouri clean Energy District.

Section 2. The City declares its intent that the provisions of the Ordinance shall be in conformity with federal and state laws. The City enacts this Ordinance pursuant to Sections 67.2800 to 67.2835 of the Missouri Revised Statutes (2000), as amended.

Subsection One. Title and Definitions

A. Title. This Ordinance shall be known and may be cited as “The City of Berkeley, Missouri Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Ordinance

B. Definitions. Except as specifically defined below, word and phrases used in this Ordinance shall have their customary meanings. Words and phrases defined in Section 67.2800.2 of the Missouri Revised Statutes (2000), as amended, shall have their defined meanings when used in this Ordinance. As used in this Ordinance, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings indicated.

“Missouri Clean Energy District” or “District” means the Missouri Clean Energy District.

“PACE Assessment” means a special assessment made against qualifying property in consideration of PACE Funding.

“PACE Funding” means funds provided to the owner(s) of qualified property by the District for an energy efficiency improvement.

“Qualifying Property” means real property located in The City of Berkeley, Missouri.

Subsection Two. Program Administration.

The Missouri Clean Energy District shall administer the functions of the PACE Program within the City by

- A. providing property owners with an application in order to apply for PACE Funds;
- B. developing standards for the approval of Projects submitted by property owners;
- C. reviewing applications and select qualified Projects;
- D. entering into Assessment Contracts with property owners;
- E. providing a copy of each executed Notice of Assessment to the County Assessor and causing a copy of each such Notice of Assessment to be recorded in the real estate records of the Recorder of Deeds for the County;
- F. authorizing and disbursing the PACE Funds to the property owners;
- G. receiving the PACE Assessment from the County Collector;
- H. recording any lien, if needed, due to nonpayment of a PACE Assessment; and
- I. exercising all powers granted by Section 67.2810.2 of the Missouri Revised Statutes (2000), as amended, including, but not limited to, the power to levy and collect special assessments under an assessment contract with a property owner.

Subsection Three. Liability of City Officials; Liability of City.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, officers and other officials of the City, the District and the County in which the City is located shall not be personally liable to any person for claims, of whatever kind or nature, under or related to the City’s participation in the District’s PACE Program, including, without limitation, claims for or related to uncollected PACE Assessments. The City has no liability to a property owner for or related to energy savings improvements funded under a PACE Program. The District shall for all purposes be considered an independent entity and shall not be considered a political subdivision of the City of Berkeley.

Section 3. The Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to deliver a duly executed copy of this Ordinance of the Board of Directors of the District or its designee, together with the jurisdictional and geographic boundaries of the City for inclusion in the jurisdictional and geographic boundaries of the District.

Section 4. The City authorizes and directs the Mayor of Berkeley to appoint a member of the Advisory Council of Missouri Clean Energy District and to notify the District of the person so appointed.

Section 5 This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

1st Reading this 03rd day of October 2016

2nd Reading this _____ day of _____ 2016

3rd Reading, PASSED and APPROVED, this _____ **day of** _____ **2016**

Theodore Hoskins, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deanna L. Jones, City Clerk

Approved As To Form:
Donnell Smith, City Attorney

Final Roll Call:

Mayor Hoskins	Aye	__	Nay	__	Absent	__	Abstain	__
Councilwoman Hoskins	Aye	__	Nay	__	Absent	__	Abstain	__
Councilwoman Kirkland	Aye	__	Nay	__	Absent	__	Abstain	__
Councilwoman Mathison	Aye	__	Nay	__	Absent	__	Abstain	__
Councilman-at-Large McDaniel	Aye	__	Nay	__	Absent	__	Abstain	__
Councilwoman Mitchell	Aye	__	Nay	__	Absent	__	Abstain	__
Councilwoman Williams	Aye	__	Nay	__	Absent	__	Abstain	__