

MISSOURI CIRCUIT COURT
TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CITY OF ST. LOUIS

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER: 2023-06

Effective Immediately

WHEREAS, RSMo 57.530 states, "The sheriff of the City of St. Louis shall, **with the approval of a majority of the circuit judges of the circuit court of said city**, appoint as many deputies and assistants as may be necessary to perform the duties of his office, and fix the compensation for their services, which compensation, however, shall not in any case exceed the annual rate of compensation fixed by the board of aldermen of the City of St. Louis therefor," and;

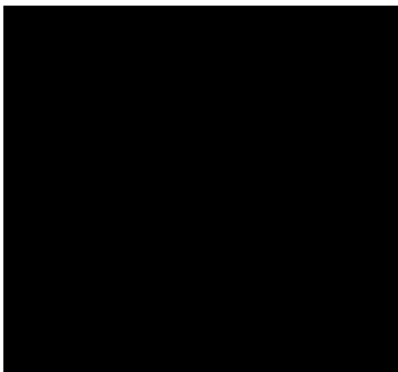
WHEREAS, the Missouri Constitution, Article V, Section 15; and RSMo. 478.240 state that the Presiding Judge has general administrative authority over the court and its divisions, and;

WHEREAS, Local Court Rule 100.1.2 states that the Presiding Judge, as part of general administrative duties, has the authority to take measures to ensure the physical courthouse facilities are secure and safe, and;

WHEREAS, Presiding Judge Guideline #10 states that the Presiding Judge will ensure that "[s]ecurity measures should be in place to ensure the safety of court personnel and the public while in the courthouse," and;

WHEREAS, the Presiding Judge learned on August 8, 2023 that a number of deputies have been hired by the Sheriff's Department without following the statutory requirements of RSMo 57.530, nor the long-established practices of implementing RSMo 57.530 in the 22nd Circuit by having completed applications, background checks, and references submitted to the Personnel Committee for review with interviews of each candidate to follow, prior to approval, as is required by statute, being granted, and;

WHEREAS, the list of unauthorized hires provided by the Sheriff's Department on August 8, 2023 includes but may not be limited to the following;





THEREFORE, the Presiding Judge of the 22nd Circuit hereby Orders and Directs that the aforementioned individuals and any other deputy hired by the sheriff without approval of a majority of the circuit judges are immediately prohibited from holding themselves as employees of the Sheriff's Department or carrying out any duties delineated to the Sheriff's Department of the City of St. Louis by statute, local rule, or practice, until and unless they are approved through the lawful procedures of the statute as established in the 22nd Circuit.

It is further pronounced, that the Personnel Committee of the 22nd Circuit remains ready to convene a meeting in order to review the application materials, and interview the candidates, as well as any other applicants the Sheriff has failed to submit through the lawful procedures of this Court, within four business days following his notice and provision of the required application and background documents, in an effort to expedite their lawful duty under the statute.

So Ordered:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth Byrne Hogan", written over a horizontal line.

Elizabeth Byrne Hogan
Presiding Judge
22nd Judicial Circuit Court of Missouri,
City of St. Louis

Dated: 8/9/23