

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, TO AMEND TITLE V, BUSINESSES AND OCCUPATIONS, TO ADD CHAPTER 125 TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING VIRTUAL CURRENCY KIOSKS.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that the use of virtual currency kiosks within the City of Gladstone presents a risk of fraud and the furtherance of other financial crimes; and

WHEREAS, victims of fraud perpetrated through the use of virtual currency kiosks within the City may incur substantial financial losses; and

WHEREAS, transactions using virtual currency kiosks allow the transfer of funds across jurisdictions, impeding the ability of local and U.S. law enforcement agencies to recover such funds; and

WHEREAS, requiring the registration of businesses which make virtual currency kiosks available to their customers and the public and the posting of notice warning users of virtual currency kiosks of the risk of fraud preserves the peace and good order of the City and benefits legitimate trade and commerce.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That Title V, Business and Occupations, is hereby amended to add a new Chapter 125, Virtual Currency Kiosks, to read as follows:

SECTION 5.125.010 Definitions.

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Virtual Currency Kiosk shall mean an electronic terminal that enables the owner or operator thereof to facilitate the exchange of fiat currency for virtual currency or virtual currency for fiat currency or other virtual currency, including, but not limited to:

- (a) Connecting directly to a separate virtual currency exchange that performs the actual virtual currency transmission; or
- (b) Drawing upon the virtual currency in the possession of the owner or operator of the electronic terminal.

Virtual Currency Kiosk Provider shall mean any person, firm or corporation that maintains a virtual currency kiosk within its regular place of business or makes virtual currency kiosks available to patrons of such business or the public at large.

SECTION 5.125.020 Licenses required: duty to post notice.

- (a) Every virtual currency kiosk provider within the city shall procure a license for each place where a virtual currency kiosk is made available for use by the public or customers of said provider, and at the same time such license is issued, shall pay to the city collector the sum of \$1.00, as a registration fee for each such place of business.
- (b) Every virtual currency kiosk provider shall post a sign in a conspicuous location on or immediately adjacent to each virtual currency kiosk providing notice of the potential risk of fraud or scams associated with utilizing the virtual currency kiosk.
- (c) Each sign required to be posted under this Section shall contain the following statements, printed legibly in boldface type sufficiently large to fill a piece of paper measuring 8.5 inches in width by 11 inches in height, in a form provided by the Gladstone Police Department:

STOP

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS!

STOP: Did you receive a phone call from someone claiming to be your bank, software provider, or the police?

STOP: Were you directed to make a payment for social security, utility bill, investment, warrants, or bail money at this kiosk?

STOP: Were you told to lie about sending money?

STOP: Have you been told that someone you love is in trouble and making this deposit will satisfy the issue?

STOP: Is anyone on the phone pressuring you to make a payment of any kind?

STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING! YOU COULD BE THE VICTIM OF A SCAM!

SCAMMERS USE FEAR, SECRECY AND URGENCY TO TRICK YOU INTO SENDING CRYPTOCURRENCY. HAND UP THE PHONE, WALK AWAY, AND CONTACT THE GLADSTONE POLICE DEPARTMENT BY DIALING 911.

SECTION 5.125.030 Violations; penalty.

- (a) Any person or business upon whom a duty is placed by the provisions of this Chapter who shall fail or neglect or refuse to perform such duty shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of \$500.00, recoverable with costs.
- (b) Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense and shall be punishable as such.

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ORDINANCE NO. 4.724

INTRODUCED, READ, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI, THIS 9TH DAY OF MARCH 2026.



Mayor Les Smith

ATTEST:



Kris Keller, Deputy City Clerk

First Reading: March 9, 2026

Second Reading: March 9, 2026



Request for Council Action

RES # City Clerk Only

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Date: 3/4/2026

Department: Police

Meeting Date Requested: 3/9/2026

Public Hearing: Yes Date: [Click here to enter a date.](#)

Subject: An Ordinance requiring potential scam warnings to be posted at cryptocurrency ATM machines in the City of Gladstone.

Background: ATM machines dedicated to cryptocurrency transactions pose a significant risk of fraud and large financial loss. These transactions often cross multiple jurisdictions and the victims are often coerced, threatened, or convinced that legitimate government entities require deposits. Investigating these crimes is extremely difficult and recovery of lost funds is nearly impossible. This Ordinance would require a warning placard be posted near any cryptocurrency ATM within the City of Gladstone, informing users of potential scams and possibility of loss. Signs will be provided by the Police Department to businesses, along with a copy of the Ordinance.

Budget Discussion: N/A

Public/Board/Staff Input: Staff recommends passing this Ordinance.

Provide Original Contracts, Leases, Agreements, etc. to: City Clerk and Vendor.

Fred Farris
Police Chief

JA
City Attorney

BB
City Manager