

BILL NO. 21-232

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF LEE’S SUMMIT AND THE STATE OF MISSOURI, THROUGH ITS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, TO RECEIVE PAYMENTS ON QUALIFYING LOW-INCOME WATER ACCOUNTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME.

WHEREAS, under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act the federal government established and funded a new emergency water and wastewater assistance program called the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program to ensure low-income households have access to drinking water and wastewater services; and,

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Social Services, through its Family Support division, used the funds appropriated by the federal govern to establish the Missouri Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (“LIHWAP”); and,

WHEREAS, the State will issue payments to participating water and wastewater utilities to assist eligible households; and,

WHEREAS, the State has an agreement that a water and wastewater utility must sign in order to receive payment under the LIHWAP; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to sign the agreement with the State to accept payments to help maintain and reconnect water services for low-income households.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEE’S SUMMIT, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The intergovernmental agreement between the City and the State of Missouri, through its Department of Social Services, attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, for the purpose of receiving payments on qualifying low-income water accounts is approved, and the Mayor is authorized to execute the same in substantially the same form as the attached on behalf of the City.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its adoption, passage, and approval by the Mayor.

SECTION 3. Should any section, sentence, or clause of this Ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences or clauses.

PASSED by the City Council of Lee’s Summit, Missouri, this ____ day of _____, 2021.

ATTEST:

Mayor *William A. Baird*

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

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APPROVED by the Mayor of said City this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor *William A. Baird*

ATTEST:

City Clerk *Trisha Fowler Arcuri*

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney *Brian W. Head*