



## CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

**DATE OF MEETING:** March 24, 2025

**ITEM TITLE:** Water System Study Proposal Acceptance

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### **BACKGROUND:**

This item was discussed at the March 17<sup>th</sup>, City Council Work Session.

Over the past several years, the City of Independence has experienced a number of challenges related to our potable water system. These issues, including low water pressure at MHI, recurring rust concerns, and other maintenance needs, necessitate a comprehensive and proactive approach to ensure the continued delivery of safe and reliable water to our community. To address these concerns and plan for the future, staff discussed with the Council two proposals for a Water System Study.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Based on the discussion we had at the March 17<sup>th</sup> Work Session; Staff is recommending that we proceed with entering into the attached contract with MSA for the procurement of a Water System Study.

### **RESULTS:**

The City has established priorities during strategic planning sessions. This item supports the Vision from that session of Expanding and Enhancing Infrastructure. This item helps achieve that vision by ensuring that the City's potable water system is functioning as we would like it to and is able to meet the future needs of the City.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:**

This item is not included in the FY2025 budget, but the Water Department has the necessary reserves to pay for this study. If Council approves this item, it will be included in the FY2025 Amendment #2 for the Budget.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends a motion to approve the water system study proposal from MSA and to authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.