



AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 25-R-38 A Resolution of the City Council Demonstrating the City's Commitment to Public Safety, Including a Commitment to Reduce Violent Crime within the City, as Part of the State of Missouri's Blue Shield Program.

Submitted By: Chief of Police, Brian Sells

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Issue Statement

Governor of the State of Missouri, Mike Kehoe, authorized Executive Order 25-03 on January 13th, 2025; thereby establishing the "Blue Shield Program", a statewide initiative to recognize local governments that are committed to public safety within their community. In addition to the executive order, the State of Missouri allocated \$10 million in grant funding for communities with the Blue Shield designation. Attached is a copy of E.O. 25-03.

Discussion and/or Analysis

Adoption of 25-R-38 will allow the City of Republic to access the Blue Shield grant program in 2026.

The City of Republic has met with the State of Missouri and verified eligibility.

- The passage of the Public Safety Sales Tax meets the condition for "extraordinary investment in public safety".
- A police officer recruitment and retention program is in place.
- The Police Department has multiple partnerships with local stakeholders.
- The Police Department has demonstrated effectiveness in reducing crime and participates in regional anti-crime task forces.
- The Police Department is in compliance with the following statutes: sections 43.505, 43.544, 590.030, 590.650.3, 590.700, and 590.1265, RSMo.

Recommended Action

Staff requests approval.