

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDS  
THROUGH THE USDA RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE J.R. MARTIN PARK  
FARMERS' MARKET PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Republic, Missouri, ("City" and/or "Republic") is a municipal corporation and Charter City located in Greene County, Missouri, being duly created, organized, and existing under the laws of the State of Missouri; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Parks and Recreation Department desires to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant funds through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Development Program, to be used toward the construction of a farmers' market at J.R. Martin Park ("the Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Project is expected to benefit citizens and guests of the City by, among other things, providing direct-to-consumer sales for local farmers and small businesses focused on value-added food products; and

**WHEREAS**, the Parks Department intends to leverage the City's current plan for J.R. Martin Park's expansion and available bond funds for the Project to demonstrate to the USDA the local investment in the Project, designed to increase the likelihood of success in receiving the funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's application for these grant funds will not add any new planned capital expenses to the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that seeking grant opportunities and funding such as the USDA's Rural Business Development Program Grant will result in beneficial savings to the City while increasing value-added food options in the City, improving the overall health and satisfaction of the City's citizens and guests.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REPUBLIC, MISSOURI,  
AS FOLLOWS:***

- Section 1.** The City's Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized to apply for up to \$500,000 in grant funds through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Business Development Program, to be used toward the construction of a farmers' market at J.R. Martin Park; and
- Section 2.** The City Administrator, or his/her designee(s), on behalf of the City, is authorized to take the necessary steps to implement this Resolution.
- Section 3.** The whereas clauses are specifically incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 4.** This Resolution shall become effective on and after the date of passage and approval as provided by law.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

**Attest:**

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Eric Franklin, Mayor

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Laura Burbridge, City Clerk

**Approved as to Form:**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. McCullough', is written over a horizontal line.

Megan McCullough, City Attorney

**Final Passage and Vote:**