

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSOURI FIRE FIGHTERS CRITICAL ILLNESS TRUST AND POOL AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION TO SECURE THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION

WHEREAS, the City of Republic, Missouri, ("City" 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, as authorized by Sections 320.400 and 537.620, RSMo., the Missouri Firefighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool (the "Pool" and/or "MFFCITP") is a critical illness pool designed to assist fire service agencies in Missouri with the provision of certain benefits to fire service professionals and reduction of the financial burdens associated with treatment of critical illnesses, including certain cancers, frequently diagnosed in fire service professionals; and

WHEREAS, Missouri law requires any such pool to be formed by agreement of at least three public sector agencies; and

WHEREAS, upon proper application and agreement of at least three public sector agencies, the MFFCITP was created and approved by the Director of the Division of Commerce and Insurance and Missouri Secretary of State; and

WHEREAS, the MFFCITP is its own corporate body and trust, under the management and oversight of a Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, by choosing to participate in the Pool, the City will not be forever bound to participate, but will do so pursuant to the terms and conditions of the *Trust and Pool Agreement for Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool* ("Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, having reviewed the available information and having heard presentation by staff, the Council finds that participation in the Pool is in the best interests of the City as it will help to ensure that fire professionals working for or on behalf of the City have access to adequate health services and long-term care that may become necessary as a result of their workplace exposures.

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

Section 1: The City hereby declares its intent to become a member of the Missouri Fire Fighters Critical Illness Trust and Pool and to participate as a member pursuant to the provisions of the Agreement and subject to approval of the Pool's Board of Trustees.

Section 2: The City Administrator, or his designee(s), is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, all necessary documents to secure the City's participation in the Pool, including the Agreement, any bylaws of the Pool, agreeing to adhere to the terms of those documents and to be bound together with the other members.

Section 3: The whereas clauses are hereby specifically incorporated herein by reference.

Section 4: The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provision hereof is declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Republic, Missouri, this _____ day of _____, 2024.

Matt Russell, Mayor

Attest:

Laura Burbridge, City Clerk



Megan McCullough, City Attorney

Final Passage and Vote: