



## AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS

Project/Issue Name: 22-48 An Ordinance of the City Council Amending Bill No. 21-65 to Authorize Execution of a Revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division for the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.

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### Issue Statement

To authorize the execution of a revised agreement with the Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program for utility customers.

### Discussion and/or Analysis

The City of Republic approved an agreement with the Missouri Department of Social Services for the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Supplier Agreement (LIHWAP) on October 19, 2021. However, Missouri Department of Social Services has since changed the agreement to amend section 4.2 of the document. Therefore, they need a revised agreement signed before they can issue further payments for the program. The changes are listed below:

#### **Original:**

“If the Supplier fails to return a CEL within a thirty (30) calendar day timeframe, direct payments will be made on behalf of all customers who appeared on said listing.”

#### **Revised:**

“If the Supplier notifies the Department that they cannot accept payment on behalf of a particular eligible customer for reasons other than those stipulated in this agreement, or the Supplier fails to return a CEL within a thirty (30) calendar day timeframe, no payment will be made by the Department on behalf of the eligible customer.”

Originally the Department of Social Services could make direct payments to individuals if the billing company did not apply the credit to their bill correctly. That portion was removed, and it was restated so that no payments will be made if they are not accepted by the billing company.

### Recommended Action

City staff recommends approval.