



## **AGENDA ITEM ANALYSIS**

Project/Issue Name: 24-45 An Ordinance of the City Council Authorizing the City Administrator to Execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance.

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### **Issue Statement**

The City of Republic, Missouri wishes to execute a revised mutual aid agreement with the Missouri Public Utility Alliance.

### **Discussion and/or Analysis**

The Missouri Public Utility Alliance (MPUA) serves as a resource for municipalities and allows members to offer assistance to other municipalities in the event of an emergency that disrupts normal utility service. The City of Republic has been a member of MPUA since 2012 (Ordinance 12-55) and executed a revised agreement in 2017 (Ordinance 16-28). This newly revised mutual aid agreement outlines the following changes:

- Allows MPUA line crew and all out-of-state members to participate.
- Removal of the arbitration section allowing for other legal remedies to settle disputes.
- Adds insurance requirements for workers compensation, auto liability, and general liability.
- Includes policy limits on claims, suits, damages, etc. for those providing mutual aid OR not participating.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that cities have a mutual aid agreement in place before a disaster occurs. Without it, FEMA will not reimburse for the first eight (8) hours of recovery costs.

### **Recommended Action**

Staff recommends approval.