

First Reading: 07/28/25
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Ordinance No.: 250728

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT RELATIONS SERVICES WITH HAHN/DEBOEF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Willard is actively working to address longstanding wastewater capacity limitations, particularly in the area served by the B Lift Station, which currently constrains residential and commercial development potential; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified a critical infrastructure upgrade, extending and enhancing capacity between the B Lift Station and the 94 Lift Station, as a top capital improvement priority, necessary to divert flow from the regional lift station and create systemwide relief; and

WHEREAS, this upgrade represents a major financial undertaking, and the City is seeking state-level financial support to help offset the project's cost and accelerate implementation; and

WHEREAS, Hahn | DeBoef Government Relations has the experience, relationships, and proven track record to effectively advocate for funding support from the Missouri General Assembly and executive agencies on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, the attached agreement outlines a 10-month engagement, beginning August 1, 2025, through May 31, 2026, at a rate of \$5,000 per month, during which the consultant will provide targeted advocacy, funding strategy support, and direct communication with state officials and agencies in support of the "B-to-94" project; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen finds that securing external funding to support the "B-to-94" wastewater infrastructure upgrades is in the best interest of the community and consistent with the City's strategic goals for economic development and service capacity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Willard, a professional services agreement with Hahn | DeBoef Government Relations in substantially the form attached hereto as *Exhibit A*, for the provision of government relations services during the term beginning August 1, 2025, and ending May 31, 2026, at a monthly cost of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

Section 2. The Board of Aldermen hereby appropriates funds from the Sewer Fund in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) for the duration of the agreement as outlined in Section 1.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED by the Board of Aldermen and APPROVED by the Mayor of the City of Willard, Missouri, this 28th day of July, 2025.

Approved By: _____

Troy Smith, Mayor

Attested By: _____

Rebecca Hansen, City Clerk

Approved as to Form: _____

Holly Dodge, City Attorney