

RESOLUTION NO. 25-18
A RESOLUTION DEMONSTRATING COMMITMENT TO ENHANCING
PUBLIC SAFETY WITHIN THE CITY OF WILLARD, MISSOURI.

WHEREAS, the City of Willard recognizes that law enforcement is essential for the safety and security of its residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, engagement and collaboration between the community and law enforcement play a critical role in reducing crime by fostering trust among residents and public safety officials; and

WHEREAS, local participation in public safety initiatives cultivates a sense of collective responsibility, trust, and ownership; and

WHEREAS, public safety is a shared responsibility among the entire community, requiring commitment from local leaders, organizations, and residents; and

WHEREAS, community buy-in and accountability significantly influence efforts to prevent crime and enhance safety in neighborhoods and public spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Missouri has recognized the importance of local government commitment to public safety and, by Executive Order 25-03, has created the Blue Shield Program to acknowledge municipalities dedicated to these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Willard is committed to fostering local participation, collaboration, and engagement with residents and stakeholders to promote community-driven approaches to public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City has made significant investments in public safety in recent years, including enhanced training for public safety personnel, infrastructure improvements, upgraded equipment, and improving compensation to attract and retain qualified professionals; and

WHEREAS, the City has further demonstrated its commitment to public safety through community engagement initiatives, local partnerships, and a holistic approach that includes neighborhood watch programs, infrastructure maintenance, and responsible development; and

WHEREAS, the City has active community policing initiatives in place to invest in and improve public safety through programs like the Police Athletic League, National Night Out, Shop with a Cop, DARE, and Camp Character; and

WHEREAS, the City's Police Department is in compliance with all of the following statutes: §43.505 (Uniform Crime Reporting System), §43.544 (Reporting Intoxication Offences),

§590.030 (POST Minimum Standards, Basic Training and Federal Rap Back Program, §590.650.3 (Vehicle Stops Report), §590.700 (Custodial Interrogation), §590.1265 (Use of Force Reporting);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Willard, Missouri:

1. The City of Willard formally reaffirms its commitment to enhancing public safety through strategic investments, collaboration, and proactive initiatives.
2. The City will continue to engage with residents, businesses, and community organizations to strengthen public safety efforts.
3. The City will seek opportunities to participate in state and federal programs, such as the Blue Shield Program, to further public safety initiatives.
4. The City encourages residents and stakeholders to actively participate in local efforts to promote a safer, more secure community.

Dated: This the **24th day of March 2025** by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Willard, Missouri.

Mayor Troy Smith

Attested by Rebecca Hansen City Clerk