



Department Source: Fire

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 21, 2025

Re: Memorandum of Understanding to establish a fire service mutual aid agreement with Jefferson City Fire Department.

## Executive Summary

Staff requests authorization for the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Jefferson City Fire Department (JCFD) to establish fire service mutual aid guidelines of cooperation between the City of Columbia Fire Department and the JCFD.

## Discussion

The Columbia Fire Department frequently exchanges services with agencies around the region when the need arises from a significant emergency. The State of Missouri permits mutual aid between agencies to protect life and property, the agencies wish to ensure the responsibilities of both agencies are defined under state statute. This MOU defines the mutually agreed upon terms to ensure an agreement authorizing the practice of sharing resources when lives are at risk by both agencies and having a basic understanding of how they are utilized prior to an incident occurring.

The agreement establishes that there will be no requirement to reimburse either party during a request for mutual aid. The agreement waives any and all claims against each other party for damages or compensation for any loss, damage, personnel injury, death, or any other matter occurring as a consequence of performance. The agreement establishes that management and operational control of personnel will remain with the responding party.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Approve and authorize the City Manager to sign the MOU.