

Introduced by Treece

First Reading 12-7-20

Second Reading 12-21-20

Ordinance No. 024471

Council Bill No. B 342-20

AN ORDINANCE

transferring control of features and artifacts recovered during archaeological investigations meeting the requirements of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to the University of Missouri – Department of Anthropology; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, during construction of the City of Columbia's wastewater treatment plant and trunk sewers in the late 1970's and early 1980's, archaeological investigations recovered a large quantity of Native American features and artifacts that, in part, included pottery, points, flakes, vegetation and bones; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia contracted with the University of Missouri – Department of Anthropology (hereinafter "University") to curate these features in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 1990, the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (hereinafter "NAGPRA") was enacted; and

WHEREAS, NAGPRA requires the repatriation of Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects and objects of cultural patrimony to the tribes of lineal descent or cultural affiliation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia wishes to transfer control of features and artifacts recovered during its archaeological investigations meeting the requirements of NAGPRA to the University; and

WHEREAS, this transfer of control is made pursuant to, and in accordance with, NAGPRA and its implementing regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City of Columbia, Missouri hereby transfers control of the features and artifacts recovered during archaeological investigations meeting the requirements of the Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to the University of Missouri – Department of Anthropology.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this 21st day of December, 2020.

ATTEST:




City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor