



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: July 17, 2023

Re: Agreement with Boone County Emergency Management for Warning Siren Installation at Gans Creek Recreation Area

Executive Summary

The Parks & Recreation Department is requesting a Council ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign an agreement with the Boone County Office of Emergency Management for the installation of a permanent outdoor warning siren located in the southeast corner of Gans Creek Recreation Area. The placement of this siren and ongoing maintenance costs will be the responsibility of Boone County Emergency Management. There will be no cost to the City for either installation or operation.

Discussion

The Office of Boone County Emergency Management has identified an area near Gans Creek Recreation Area, 3100 E. Gans Road, as lacking in adequate coverage for the County's emergency siren notification plan. Parks and Recreation staff has been working with Boone County Office of Emergency Management staff on selecting a location that would provide adequate siren coverage and not impact any future development in Gans Creek Recreation Area. As shown on the attached new siren site plan, the siren will be located in the southeast corner of the park adjacent to Gans Creek Road.

The siren will be placed on a 50-foot tall class two wooden utility pole, and it will be powered by existing electric located across the street from the park.

The placement of the siren will be at no cost to the City either for installation or for ongoing maintenance. In the event future needs require relocation of the siren, all relocation costs will be the responsibility of Boone County.

The City entered into a similar agreement with Boone County Emergency Management for the placement of an emergency siren at Cosmo-Bethel Park in 2018 and Louisville Park in 2021.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None

Long-Term Impact: None

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Public Safety, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable



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Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
12/20/21	Authorizing an agreement with Boone County, Missouri, on behalf of its Office of Emergency Management, for the installation of an emergency siren and supporting infrastructure in Louisville Park. City of Columbia, Missouri - File #: B397-21 (legistar.com)
10/15/18	Agreement with BoCo Emergency Management for installation of outdoor warning siren located in Cosmo-Bethel Park. City of Columbia, Missouri - File #: B246-18 (legistar.com)

Suggested Council Action

Approve the ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute the agreement with Boone County Emergency Management for the installation and operation of an emergency siren in Gans Creek Recreation Area.