



Department Source: Public Health and Human Services

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: September 20, 2021

Re: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services State Data Center Memorandum of Understanding

## Executive Summary

An ordinance authorizing the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services to facilitate access to the Missouri state data center for the issuance of birth and death certificates and the associated information technology activities. This MOU will be effective for the period of September 1, 2021 through August 31, 2022.

## Discussion

This bill authorizes the City Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services for issuance of computerized birth and death certificates by the Columbia/Boone County Department of Public Health and Human Services.

Currently there is a \$15.00 fee for each certified birth certificate and a \$14.00 fee for the first certified death certificate (\$11.00 for each additional death certificate requested at the same time). Estimated revenue for FY21 is \$216,000.

This program allows local health departments to issue on-the-spot birth and death certificates. This is a considerable improvement over the prior system which required persons needing such documents to fill out a form and mail it to the State Health Department along with the fee. The process often took several weeks. Area residents continue to be pleased with the quick response from this service.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None. Revenues and expenditures were anticipated as part of the FY21 budget. No appropriation is necessary.

Long-Term Impact: None.

## Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

### [Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

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

### [Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

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



# City of Columbia

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## Legislative History

Date	Action
Annual	The Vital Records program has been in place since 1996.

## Suggested Council Action

Should the Council agree with staff recommendations, an affirmative vote is in order.