



# City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Manager

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: 6/5/17

Re: Unification process of the Boone County and the Columbia Library Districts

## Executive Summary

This legislation would begin the process of unifying two library districts in order to simplify the governing structure and establish a single tax rate.

## Discussion

The Columbia Library District and Boone Country Library District Board of Trustees seek to simplify the Daniel Boone Regional Library's governing structure by forming a singular Columbia and Boone Country Library District. The single district would replace the two separate districts.

The state outlines the steps required to form a City-County Library District. Missouri State Statute 182.291 states "... with prior approval of the governing body of the city, (the board of trustees of any city library within the county) may petition the county governing body to permit the organization of a City-County Library ..." 2017 presents an opportune time to move forward with the unification of the Columbia and Boone County Districts for two primary reasons – the two districts will be able to set the same tax rate in August, 2017, and Boone Country's population is less than 250,000 people which is required to establish a City-County Library District. This requirement is outlined in MO State Statute RSMO 182.291.

There is no cost to unify the districts.

Approval of a singular Columbia and Boone Country Library District will accomplish the following:

- The boundary lines of the Columbia Library District as currently required by MO State Statute 182.480 will be eliminated. This boundary was established in 1965 and has been the source of confusion to taxpayers.
- It will be a seamless transition for patrons since it won't affect services or how tax dollars are managed.
- The unification of the governing structure will more clearly represent current day-to-day operations.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: N/A

Long-Term Impact: N/A



## Vision & Strategic Plan Impact

### Vision Impacts:

Primary Impact: Community Facilities & Services, Secondary Impact: Community Character, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

### 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

## Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

## Suggested Council Action

Approve this legislation