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First Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_

Council Bill No. B 89-21

**AN ORDINANCE**

authorizing and ratifying a second amendment to the agreement with Benevate, Inc. for software to implement a rent assistance module; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) is a highly infectious and dangerous disease that on March 11, 2020 was declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 epidemic, there have been declarations of emergency enacted by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Missouri and the City of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act provided emergency funding for local governments to address the adverse effects of the COVID-19 epidemic; and

WHEREAS, these actions reflect the federal government’s commitment to the public purposes of protecting the American people from the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19, in part, by providing fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses, and preserving jobs for American industries; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia’s Department of Community Development – Housing Programs Division has implemented rent assistance programs to assist low to moderate-income households adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and needs software to implement such rental assistance programs.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby authorizes and ratifies a second amendment to the agreement with Benevate, Inc. for software to implement a rent assistance module. The form and content of the agreement shall be substantially as set forth in "Attachment A" attached hereto and made a part hereof.

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

PASSED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Counselor