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Ordinance No. 025936 Council Bill No. B 88-25 A

AN ORDINANCE

supporting the declaration of a state of emergency by the City Manager due to a severe weather event; ceasing recycling operations; suspending bioenergy plant operations; providing for conflicting provisions; declaring an emergency for enactment; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

WHEREAS, on Sunday, April 20, 2025, the City experienced a severe weather event which caused damage associated with tornados, straight line winds, heavy rains, flooding and flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, the high winds from the weather event impacted the City and its residents, including extreme damage to the Material Recovery Facility (hereinafter "MRF") owned by the City and located at the solid waste landfill rendering the MRF a total loss; and

WHEREAS, the MRF is essential for processing all of the City's solid waste recycling operations; and

WHEREAS, the devastation caused to the MRF by the high wind has rendered the MRF inoperable for receiving, processing or storing all recycling, including, but not limited to, commercial, drop off, and residential pickup; and

WHEREAS solid waste operations, including recycling services, are essential to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, at this time the City has no alternative location to deliver, process or store recycled materials; and

WHEREAS, the high winds from the weather event also caused extensive damage to the Bioenergy Plant located at the solid waste landfill rendering the Plant non-operational; and

WHEREAS, due to exigent circumstances the City Council finds it necessary to enact an emergency ordinance to cease all recycling services provided by the Solid Waste Utility until such time as an alternative location may be identified or a new recycling facility is constructed and operational as well as temporarily suspend operations at the Bioenergy Plant until such time as necessary repairs may be made; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds it is necessary to preserve the public health, safety, and welfare to require cessation of such services as an emergency ordinance on the day of introduction so that it may go into effect immediately.

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

SECTION 1. Incorporation of findings. The City Council makes and reaffirms the findings set forth above and incorporates the same by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. Support of Declaration of Emergency. The City Council hereby expresses its support for the Declaration of Local Emergency issued by the City Manager on April 21, 2025.

SECTION 3. Cessation of recycling services. That the recycling services provided by the Solid Waste Utility operated by the City shall cease until such time as an alternative location to deliver or process such recyclable materials is determined or a new recycling facility is constructed and operational. During the period of time the MRF is not operational, the City Manager shall continue to seek reasonable opportunities for alternative locations to divert recyclable waste from the City's landfill.

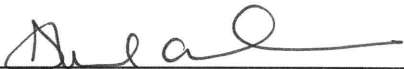
SECTION 4. Suspension of Bioenergy Plant operation. That the operation of the Bioenergy Plant operated by the City is hereby temporarily suspended until such time as repairs to the facilities occur to ensure efficient and safe operation of the plant. City officials shall coordinate efforts with the State of Missouri to ensure compliance with all regulatory requirements for operation and maintenance during the period of temporary suspension.

SECTION 5. Conflict provision. To the extent any provision of the City Code or prior policy or practice of the City Council is in conflict with this ordinance, the provisions of this ordinance shall supersede such provisions.

SECTION 6. Emergency clause, effective date. The Council declares this ordinance is necessary for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health, safety or morals and is an emergency within the meaning of Article II. of Section 15 of the Home Rule Charter of the City of Columbia, Missouri. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by six-sevenths (6/7) of the members of the City Council.

PASSED this 21~~st~~ day of April, 2025.

ATTEST:

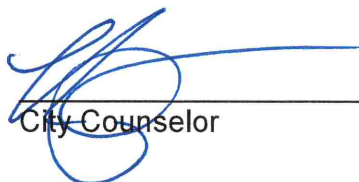


City Clerk



Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Counselor