



Department Source: Parks and Recreation

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 6, 2021

Re: Agreement with Boone County Emergency Management for Warning Siren Installation at Louisville Park

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 southwest corner of Louisville Park. This area of Columbia has been identified as lacking in adequate siren coverage. 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 Louisville Park, 806 Louisville Drive, 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 Louisville Park. As shown on the attached new siren site plan, the siren will be located in the southwest corner of the park near the intersection of Louisville Drive and Whitefish Court.

The siren will be placed on a 50-foot tall class two wooden utility pole, and it will be powered by existing electric located within the Louisville Drive right-of-way.

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.

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
10/18/21 –	Agreement with BoCo Emergency Management for installation of outdoor warning siren located in Cosmo-Bethel Park. https://gocolumbiamo.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3688941&GUID=64EA7D0D-C09C-49AE-A35D-19E5119F4A4B&Options=&Search=

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 Louisville Park.