

## City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: City Utilities - Water and Light To: City Council From: City Manager & Staff Council Meeting Date: July 18, 2022 <u>Re: Missouri Department of Natural Resources Abatement Order on Consent</u>

**Executive Summary** 

Staff has prepared for Council consideration, an ordinance authorizing the City Manager to execute an Abatement Order on Consent with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. This abatement order is associated with discharge of drinking water that resulted in fish kills and includes payment of \$10,663.64 to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to cover investigative costs and damages to wildlife.

## Discussion

The Abatement Order on Consent (AOC) is in reference to four reported fish kills due to the discharge of chlorinated water from the City's water distribution system. The discharges occurred between September 1, 2017 and April 26, 2019 and were investigated by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and Missouri Department of Conservation. Each discharge is detailed in the AOC. As part of the AOC, the City will pay \$10,663.64 to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to cover the State's investigative costs and damages based on the valuation of the wildlife impacted. Upon completion of the agreement and payment to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to cover the State of Natural Resources, the requirements of the AOC will be fulfilled by the City and the order will be closed.

## Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The Utilities Department will pay \$10,663.64 to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources to cover the State's investigative costs and damages. This will be paid from funds currently in the operating budget.

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

Legislative History	
Date	Action
N/A	N/A
	Suggested Council Action

Approval of the ordinance.