



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Law

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 16, 2019

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with Boone County, Missouri Relating to the Transfer of Ownership of the County Fairgrounds Property

Executive Summary

This bill would approve a Memorandum of Understanding with Boone County relating to transfer of ownership of the Boone County Fairgrounds Property from the County to the City.

Discussion

A Memorandum of Understanding has been negotiated with the County which, if approved, would result in the transfer of the County Fairgrounds Property (approximately 135 acres) to the City for use for "public recreation purposes." Public recreation purposes includes staff offices for the Parks and Recreation Department, the Convention and visitors Bureau, facility maintenance and/or other recreation or tourism-related activities. As a part of the transaction, the City would also assume maintenance responsibility for a portion of the MKT trail which is currently maintained by the County.

With regard to the Fairgrounds Property, the MOU contemplates continued use of 23 acres of the property for the Boone County Fair for a period of at least ten (10) days per year. The City will need to enter into an operating agreement with Boone County Fair, Inc. regarding the use and operation of the County Fair.

There are also existing leases with Veterans United and UPS which are in effect through December 31, 2022. The City will need to accept assignment of those leases and honor those lease terms at least through the current expiration date of December 31, 2022. Copies of those leases are provided as supplemental information.

The transfer does not include Tract #2 as shown on the survey. The County will retain ownership of Tract #2 and there are no restrictions on the County's use and development of Tract #2 except that if developed in the future, such development will be done in conformity with City Code. The County has also agreed that at the time of sale and/or development, Tract #2 will be incorporated into the city limits. It will be the responsibility of the City to annex Tract #1 into the city limits.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: The fiscal impact is unknown at this time. More information will be provided when the real estate contract between the parties contemplated by the MOU is presented to Council for consideration.

Long-Term Impact: Unknown.



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Operational Excellence, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Land Use & Growth Management, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
	None.

Suggested Council Action

Passage of the ordinance authorizing a memorandum of understanding with Boone County, Missouri relating to the transfer of ownership of the County Fairgrounds property.