



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 16, 2024

Re: Ordinance to establish a Law Enforcement Services Cooperative Agreement between the Boone County, MO (County) and City of Columbia (City).

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for council consideration an ordinance authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign and enter into a services cooperative agreement with the county that grants city police officers powers of arrest throughout all of Boone County.

Discussion

Currently, the Boone County Sheriff is deputizing Columbia Police Officers on an individual basis, which in turn grant them powers of arrest throughout all of Boone County. The current agreement requires the Boone County Sheriff's Department to monitor every deputized city officer's training and performance to ensure their Missouri Peace Officers Standard and Training (POST) License is in good standing.

The proposed agreement would extend powers of arrest throughout Boone County to every sworn member of the Columbia Police Department as an organization rather than individually. This agreement would put the burden of monitoring training and performance on the Columbia Police Department rather than the Boone County Sheriff's Department. This type of agreement is authorized under RSMo §70.815.

The agreement further establishes that there will be no requirement to reimburse either party during a request for mutual aid. The agreement establishes that management and operational control of our personnel will remain with the Columbia Police Department even when operating in Boone County Jurisdiction. The agreement establishes each party shall be responsible for all claims, damages, and losses sustained by its own law enforcement agency and police personnel.

The Boone County Sheriff's Department does not intend to continue deputizing law enforcement officials on an individual basis in 2025. If this agreement is not approved, Columbia Police Officers would not have powers of arrest outside of the city limits of Columbia, MO unless otherwise authorized under existing Missouri State Statute.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: None.

Long-Term Impact: None.



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Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Neighborhoods, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Should council agree, we recommend authorizing the City Manager and the Chief of Police to sign the cooperative agreement between the city and county.