



Department Source: Convention and Visitors Bureau

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: January 6, 2025

Re: Ordinance Appropriating Funds from the Convention & Visitors Bureau Capital Improvement Project Account

Executive Summary

This ordinance authorizes the appropriation of funds from the Convention & Visitors Bureau Capital Improvement Project Account to finance the installation of an electrified access-control system to existing exterior doors at the Thomas G. Walton Building, enhancing security and compliance with fire safety standards.

Discussion

The Thomas G. Walton Building was built in 1986 and is jointly owned by the Chamber and City of Columbia. The Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) occupies half of the building. In late 2023, the Walton Building Board of Managers reviewed current and future building needs, identifying enhanced building security and fire code compliance for all exterior doors as priorities. Staff consulted with the Fire Marshal and City I.T. to determine necessary upgrades. The proposed solution involves installing electrified access control systems to the existing doors that will:

- Schedule main entry doors to automatically open and lock,
- Include crash bars for emergency egress at all times, and
- Secure unused parts of the building during the day.

The City's term and supply contractor has provided a proposal of \$71,200 to implement these upgrades. This ordinance will allocate City funds from the CVB's Capital Improvement Project Account (No. 4408800-5084990, C00587) to cover the total cost. The Columbia Chamber of Commerce will reimburse the CVB for a portion of the total expense and a portion will be paid by the City's I.T. Department for the access control panel I.T. door upgrade.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: \$71,200

Long-Term Impact: n/a

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

[Strategic Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary

[Comprehensive Plan Impacts:](#)

Primary Impact: Primary, Secondary Impact: Secondary, Tertiary Impact: Tertiary



City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201

Legislative History

Date	Action
October 2024	B234-24: Ordinance appropriating funds from the Columbia Chamber of Commerce for repairs and upgrades to the Thomas G. Walton Building.
November 2023	B283-23: Ordinance appropriating CIP funds for repairs to the Thomas G. Walton Building parking lot.

Suggested Council Action

Approval of the Legislation.