

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO RETAIN ONLY ONE LOBBYING FIRM FOR ALL LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY IN AN AMOUNT TO RANGE BETWEEN \$90,000-\$120,000.

WHEREAS, in August 2016 the City of Independence issued a Request for Proposals for legislative advocacy services; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council awarded a contract to John Bardgett and Associates for lobbying services related to general municipal issues totaling \$90,000; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council in November 2016 directed City staff to issue a Request for Proposals for legislative advocacy services exclusively for the Independence Power & Light Department; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council awarded a contract to Strategic Capitol Consulting for lobbying services exclusively related to Independence Power & Light issues totaling \$90,000; and,

WHEREAS, both lobby firms had their compensation increased to \$120,000 per year in 2018 at the time of their renewal period by vote of the City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the contract with John Bardgett and Associates expires August 31, 2020 and the contract with Strategic Capital Consulting Expires October 31, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of Independence believes the City's legislative advocacy issues can be effectively and efficiently managed by one qualified firm for both the general municipal lobby needs of the City as well the Independence Power & Light needs of the City; and,

WHEREAS, utilizing one lobbying firm for all municipal issues in an amount not to exceed \$90,000 will result in the effective management of the financial resources of the City by saving the General Fund \$7,500 annually, the Water Fund \$7,500 annually, the Sewer Fund \$7,500 annually, and the Independence Power & Light Fund \$127,500 annually; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager is directed to issue one Request for Proposals for lobbying services related to legislative advocacy for general municipal issues.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager is directed to negotiate a contract for general municipal issues which will include Independence Power & Light issues with a lobbying firm deemed to be most qualified in the Request for Proposal process in an amount to range between \$90,000-\$120,000 per year.

PASSED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2020, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager