

City of Independence

MEMORANDUM

Fire Department

DATE: January 26, 2021

TO: Public Utilities Advisory Board

FROM: Douglas Short, Fire Chief *DS*

SUBJECT: Utility Abatement for COI Vaccination Center



As a member of the COI Command Team, handling COVID related activities, I would like to request to be added to the PUAB agenda for this week to address the committee.

We have worked out an agreement with the Independence Center Management to utilize a 13,000+ square foot area in the Independence Center to be used as a Mass Vaccination location here in the City of Independence. The only stipulation would be that we pay the utilities for that space while we use it. We will be able to utilize this space for as long as the COI Health Department determines to complete a community wide sweep of vaccinations.

While this is a wonderful opportunity, it, just like all things we have experienced during this pandemic, is unbudgeted. We as the Command Team, would like to request from the PUAB support by Council Recommendation, with this community endeavor and recommend that the COI provide a utility abatement for the Independence Center of \$1,000/month, while we complete this effort to vaccinate. It would be estimated that the timeline would be (4) four to (5) five months. The effort is being done with no profit being seen by the COI, as most of the labor is volunteer, and supplies are from the Federal and State government.

cc Zachary Walker, City Manager
Adam Norris, Assistant City Manager
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