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BILL NO.

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MISSOURI STATE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE AUDIT TO EXAMINE AND EVALUATE THE MANAGEMENT OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE'S FISCAL, BUDGETARY AND PROCUREMENT POLICIES, AND PROCEDURES TO ENSURE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE TAXPAYERS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF PUBLIC FUNDS.

WHEREAS; the City Council is hopeful that and independent audit by the Missouri State Auditor will provide assurance to city elected officials and the citizens of Independence that the assets of the city are safeguarded through proper internal controls that fully comply with state statutes, the charter of the City of Independence and city ordinances; and,

WHEREAS; the City Council recommends the scope of the comprehensive audit to include but not limited to, determining the existence of:

- Effective oversight of the awarding and administering of legal and professional service contracts and whether any city employee, officer or elected official received a separate, personal benefit from any such contract; and,
- Proper internal controls to ensure best practices of the authority to spend \$50,000 or less without City Council approval; and,
- Proper fiscal, budgetary and procurement policies, and procedures for internal operations; and,
- Conformity and compliance with existing fiscal, budgetary and procurement policies, and procedures and to ensure that they do not contradict or conflict with and city ordinance or state statute; and,
- Compliance with governmental best practices in the financial management of fiscal, budgetary and procurement policies, and procedures and identification of the areas of improvement as needed; and,

WHEREAS; the City Council desires the Missouri State Auditor to conduct the audit in as expeditious a manner as possible and to prepare and written report noting findings, recommendations, and conclusions; now therefore,

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

<u>SECTION 1.</u> That the City Council hereby requests that the Missouri State Auditor conduct a comprehensive audit of the city's finances in accordance with this resolution.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022, 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