

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY’S INTENT TO REFRAIN FROM ADDING THE 97 ACRE FORMER ROCK WOOD GOLF COURSE TO THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE PARKS SYSTEM AND FURTHER DECLARING THE CITY’S INTENT TO REFRAIN FROM MOVING THE SOLAR PANEL ARRAY FROM THE PROPERTY AT THIS TIME.

WHEREAS, on January 18th, 2022, the City Council considered Bill No. 22-760; and,

WHEREAS, Bill 22-760 sought to add the 97-acre former Rock Wood Golf Course to the City of Independence Parks System and further declared the City Council intent to move the solar panel park from the property; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council directed that Bill 22-760 be reviewed by the Park Commission and the Public Utility Advisory Board for a recommendation; and,

WHEREAS, on February 17th the Park Commission voted in support of a resolution recommending against Bill 22-710 on the grounds that this action was inconsistent with the City’s adopted Parks Master Plan, would present a financial burden to the Parks/Recreation/Tourism Department, and lacked clarity on the legal implications of moving the solar array; and,

WHEREAS, on February 24th, 2022; the Public Utility Advisory Board also voted to adopt the resolution adopted by the Park Commission and thereby recommended against taking this action; and,

WHEREAS, City staff shares the recommendation of the Park Commission and the Public Utility Advisory Board and thereby recommends the City Council not financially burden the Parks/Recreation/Tourism Department with this unfunded mandate;

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

SECTION 1. That the City Council does hereby state its opposition to Bill 22-710 and instead encourages the Park Commission and the City Manager to continue implementing the provisions of the City’s adopted Parks Master Plan.

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

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City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager