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COUNCIL BILL 2021- 036 SPECIAL ORDINANCE _____

AN ORDINANCE

1 AMENDING the General Fund budget for the City of Springfield, Missouri, for Fiscal
2 Year 2020-2021, by appropriating a portion of the Fiscal Year 2019-
3 2020 carryover funds and increasing expenses in the amount of
4 \$120,000 for laboratory testing costs of Sexual Assault Forensic
5 Evidence kits.
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8 WHEREAS, the Police Department has been working with the United States
9 Department of Justice Sexual Assault Kit Initiative and the Missouri Attorney General's
10 Office to identify and test all 231 Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence kits ("SAFE kits")
11 currently held by the Police Department; and
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13 WHEREAS, at the outset of the initiative, the Police Department initially identified
14 231 SAFE kits awaiting testing; and
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16 WHEREAS, a portion of the outstanding SAFE kits have been tested utilizing
17 grant funding from the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice
18 Assistance, however 119 SAFE kits remain untested; and
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20 WHEREAS, the cost of testing is approximately \$1,000 per SAFE Kit.
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
23 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:
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25 Section 1 – The General Fund budget for the City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is
26 hereby amended in the accounts and in the amounts as shown on Budget Adjustment
27 No. 058, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as
28 "Exhibit A."
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30 Section 2 – City Council finds that the budget adjustment has been
31 recommended by the City Manager.
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33 Section 3 – The City Manager is directed to cause the appropriate accounting
34 entries to be made in the books and records of the City.

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36 Section 4 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after
37 passage.

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39 Passed at meeting: _____

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42 Mayor

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44 Attest: _____, City Clerk

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46 Filed as Ordinance: _____

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49 Approved as to form: C. H. [Signature], Assistant City Attorney

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51 Approved for Council action: Jason A. [Signature] City Manager
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EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2021 - 036

FILED: 02-02-21

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Police

PURPOSE: To secure funding for the laboratory testing of sexual assault forensic evidence kits.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (“SAKI”) is a nationwide undertaking funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”) at the United States Department of Justice (“DOJ”) that began in 2015. This initiative helps state and local jurisdictions across the country inventory and test sexual assault forensic evidence (“SAFE”) kits, upload eligible offender DNA profiles into a national database, investigate and prosecute cases in which offender DNA profiles match, or “hit,” against existing records in the database, and develop procedural and evidence tracking capacity to prevent future backlogs. The Springfield Police Department has been actively engaged in this effort and Chief Williams serves as a member of Missouri Attorney General Multi-Disciplinary Working Group. The Springfield Police Department serves as a model agency for the many aspects of this initiative and is the southwest Missouri hub agency for collection and shipping of backlogged kits from area agencies to be tested under this initiative. The Springfield Police Department initially identified 231 sexual assault forensic kits held and awaiting testing. The department utilized a combination of departmental and initiative grant funds to submit 112 kits for testing. The Springfield Police Department currently has 119 kits remaining in the backlogged group.

REMARKS: The Missouri Attorney General’s Office (“AGO”) began a preliminary review of the prevalence of untested SAFE kits across Missouri in November 2017. The findings of this review prompted the AGO to apply for and receive a three-year SAKI grant from BJA in late 2018. In October of 2020, the Missouri Attorney General announced it had received an additional \$2 million dollars in grant funds to expedite the testing of backlogged test kits statewide, which include the 119 kits still held by the Springfield Police Department. While a portion of those backlogged kits will be tested through the grant, funding is not available to test them all. The use of city budget carryover funds would allow the testing of all 119 kits. The approximate cost-per-kit for testing is \$1000, requiring a budget adjustment of \$120,000.

Submitted by:

Approved by:



Paul F. Williams, Chief of Police



Jason Gage, City Manager

CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, MO
BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

Exhibit A

Budget Adjustment
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Revenues:

Fund	Dept	Org	Account	P&G	Location	Amount	Description
Net Revenue Adjustment						\$ -	

Expenditures:

Fund	Dept	Org	Account	P&G	Location	Amount	Description
10110	18	97570	501190	000000	00000	\$ 120,000	Testing of Sexual Assault Kits
Net Expenditure Adjustment						\$ 120,000	

Fund Balance Appropriation:

Fund	Title	Amount
10110	General Fund	(120,000)

Explanation: To amend the FY2020-2021 budget by appropriating General Fund carryover to pay for the laboratory testing of Sexual Assault Kits being held by the Springfield Police Department.

Requested By:

Paul F. Williams 2/2/21
Department Head Date

Approved By:

DL Hill 2/2/21
Director of Finance Date

Authorization:

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City Manager Date