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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2016- 206

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION

1 AUTHORIZING the City Manager, or their designee, on behalf of the City of  
2 Springfield, to apply for tax credits from the Missouri Development  
3 Finance Board for contributions to benefit the Ozarks Food Harvest.  
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6 WHEREAS, the Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) operates a  
7 program which provides 50 percent tax credits to individuals making donations for  
8 certain qualified projects; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the City has previously received approval from the MDFB tax credits  
11 program for donations to local projects; and  
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13 WHEREAS, examples of City projects receiving tax credits were the construction  
14 of Founders Park, the renovation of the Creamery Arts Center, the construction of  
15 improvements at the Discovery Center, construction of the History Museum, and a  
16 previous project with Ozarks Food Harvest (OFH); and  
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18 WHEREAS, funds raised through a newly-proposed project with OFH will be  
19 used to expand the capacity of the existing OFH facility, located at 2810 North  
20 Cedarbrook Avenue.  
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22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
23 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:  
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25 Section 1 – The City Manager, or his designee, on behalf of the City of  
26 Springfield, Missouri, is hereby authorized to apply for tax credits for the benefit of the  
27 OFH from the MDFB for the purpose of expanding the capacity of the existing OFH  
28 facility, and to take such actions as are reasonably necessary in connection with such  
29 application.  
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31 Section 2 - This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.  
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33 Passed at meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_, City Clerk

Filed as Resolution \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form: Achalee T. Wieder, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: Greg Bennett, City Manager

## **EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL NO: 2016- 206**

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development

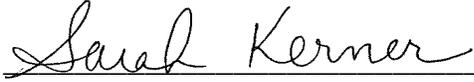
PURPOSE: To authorize the City Manager or his designee to apply for tax credits from the Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB) for contributions to benefit Ozarks Food Harvest (OFH). (Staff recommends approval.)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The MDFB operates a program that provides 50 percent tax credits to persons making donations for qualified projects. Contributions are made directly to the MDFB and the MDFB sends tax credit certificates to the donor. The funds remain at the MDFB until construction costs are incurred. The City then requests disbursement from the account on behalf of the project. This program requires that the actual grantee be a Public Entity. The City has previously received approval for MDFB projects that provided tax credits for donations for the construction of Founders Park, the renovation of the Creamery Arts Center, the construction of the new wing at the Discovery Center of Springfield, construction of the new History Museum, and a previous project with the OFH.

This ordinance supports the following Field Guide 2030 goal(s): Chapter 10, Public Health; Major Goal 1, Prevent obesity and related chronic disease, particularly among persons of low socioeconomic status by increasing access to healthy foods and supports for physical activity; Objective 4d, Increase funding through grants that have provisions for encouraging local, sustainable agriculture, increasing availability of locally-grown foods to low-income populations, and that address nutritional issues with obesity.

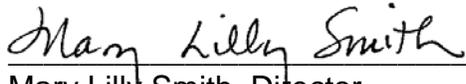
REMARKS: Funds raised through the MDFB Tax Credits for Contributions program will be used to expand the capacity of the existing OFH facility (46,000 square feet) at 2810 N. Cedarbrook Ave. by an additional 56,000 square feet. The current facility has reached capacity and can no longer meet the needs of its service area. OFH has been forced to turn away 1 millions pounds of nutritious food donations due to lack of storage space. This project will increase capacity and allow OFH to meet the needs of food insecure individuals living in the Ozarks. Upon completion, OFH will have the capacity to provide 24 million pounds of food annually to those in need. The property for the expansion has already been acquired. Site preparation will be complete in July 2017, with groundbreaking in March 2018. Construction will be complete by December 2018, with an occupancy date of January 2019.

Submitted by:



Sarah Kerner, Interim Economic Development Director

Recommended by:



Mary Lilly Smith, Director

Approved by:



Greg Burris, City Manager