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COUNCIL BILL NO. 2010- 075 RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING the City of Springfield's Participation in the Google Fiber for Communities Project.

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WHEREAS, on February 10, 2010, Google, Inc., announced that it was launching a project to build and test ultra-high speed broadband networks in a small number of trial locations across the country. This network would offer speeds of one gigabyte per second and would be modeled on a fiber optic connection directly to the home; and

WHEREAS, this service is being offered to communities of between 50,000 and 500,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Google has issued a Request for Proposal to any community, including local governments, inviting anyone who is interested in participating in this project to submit an application to Google by March 26, 2010; and

WHEREAS, in order to make application, Google has requested that a local government explain in the government's response that there is full community support; and

WHEREAS, City staff are working with City Utilities, Greene County, and the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce to develop a single, coordinated RFP response; and

WHEREAS, City staff has evaluated the Google RFP and has determined that Springfield's size, community cross-section and business cross-section are ideal for participation in this project and that Springfield will greatly benefit as a test community for Google while Google will receive invaluable feedback from the citizens of Springfield.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
29 SPRINGFIELD as follows:

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31 Section 1 - That the City Council of Springfield, Missouri hereby supports the
32 efforts of City staff to respond to the Google Request for Information to become a
33 participant in the Google Fiber for Communities Project.

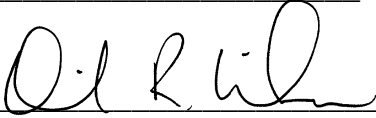
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35 Section 2 - This Resolution shall take effect and be in full force and effect
36 immediately after its adoption by the City Council of the City.


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EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL NO. 2010 -

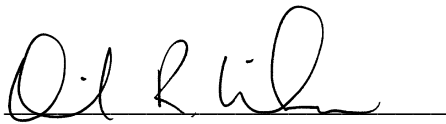
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Information Systems

BACKGROUND: Google has initiated a Request for Information from communities that are willing to partner with the company to deliver “ultra-high speed” Internet access to its citizens. According to the information supplied in the RFI, Google’s plans are to offer Internet access at 1Gbps speeds. The Google RFI targets communities with businesses, medical facilities, colleges and universities that are willing to explore the potential this type of Internet connectivity will offer. The RFI paperwork is due back to Google on March 26, 2010. A partnership between the City of Springfield, Greene County and City Utilities of Springfield would be created to respond to the RFI on behalf of the community.

There is no indication as to the local cost to the selected community or communities – this will be situation-specific based on the existing information infrastructure that exists, as well as other factors. Once the finalist cities are selected and local infrastructure costs are estimated, the City of Springfield, if selected, may elect to either participate or decline.

PURPOSE: To adopt a resolution in support of the City of Springfield’s participation in the Google Fiber for Communities Project.

Submitted by:



City Attorney

Approved by:



City Manager