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COUNCIL BILL 2018- 022

SPECIAL ORDINANCE _____

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1 AUTHORIZING the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation in the amount
2 of \$10,000.00 from The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., to be
3 used by the Springfield Fire Department for fire safety education,
4 equipment, and materials; and declaring an emergency.
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7 WHEREAS, the March 9, 2017, The Hartford Home Fire Index identified 100 U.S.
8 cities with the highest fire risk; and
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10 WHEREAS, The Hartford Home Fire Index is based on an analysis of the U.S.
11 Fire Administration’s National Fire Incident Reporting System (“NFIRS”) and a survey
12 conducted by The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., (“Hartford”) on fire safety and
13 prevention behaviors among the general population; and
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15 WHEREAS, Springfield, Missouri, was listed as number 58 of the cities identified
16 on The Hartford Home Fire Index of cities with the highest risk of fire; and
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18 WHEREAS, Hartford has committed to donating money to fire departments in
19 cities identified on the Hartford Home Fire index to support ongoing fire safety
20 education; and
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22 WHEREAS, Hartford has \$10,000.00 available to donate to the Springfield Fire
23 Department (“SFD”) for fire safety education purposes; and
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25 WHEREAS, SFD wishes to accept such donation to purchase smoke alarms,
26 batteries and other fire safety materials for use during Project RED Zone, the
27 Department’s comprehensive community risk reduction program aimed at reducing
28 fires, fire-related injuries, and deaths in the Springfield community; and
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30 WHEREAS, Project Red Zone is an “unfunded” program and donations are
31 necessary to purchase smoke alarms, batteries and other fire safety materials to
32 provide to citizens in the Springfield community in need of such items; and
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34 WHEREAS, SFD has received approximately 200 requests for smoke alarms to
35 be installed in homes within the Springfield community and lacks the funds necessary to
36 do so.

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38 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
39 SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, as follows, that:

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41 Section 1 – The City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to accept
42 the donation of \$10,000.00 from Hartford to be used by SFD to purchase smoke alarms
43 and for fire safety education, equipment and materials.

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45 Section 2 – City Council finds and declares that this Ordinance relates to the
46 immediate preservation of public health, safety, and welfare, and therefore constitutes
47 an emergency under Section 2.12 of the City Charter. Accordingly, this Ordinance shall
48 be in full force and effect from and after passage.

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50 Passed at meeting: _____

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53 Mayor

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55 Attest: _____, City Clerk

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57 Filed as Ordinance: _____

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59 Approved as to form: _____, Assistant City Attorney

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61 Approved for Council action: _____, City Manager

EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018- 022

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ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Fire

PURPOSE: To authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation in the amount of \$10,000.00 from The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc., (“Hartford”) to be used by the Springfield Fire Department for fire safety education, equipment and materials; and declaring an emergency.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: On March 9, 2017, The Hartford Home Fire Index identified 100 U.S. cities with the highest fire risk. The Index is based on an analysis of the U.S. Fire Administration’s National Fire Incident Reporting System (“NFIRS”) and a survey conducted by The Hartford on fire safety and prevention behaviors among the general population. Springfield, Missouri, was identified as number 58 on the list of cities with the highest risk of fire. As part of the 70th anniversary of The Hartford’s Junior Fire Marshal Program, The Hartford has committed to donating \$10,000 to fire departments in each of the 100 cities to support ongoing fire safety education. By accepting this donation, the Springfield Fire Department (“SFD”) will be able to purchase smoke alarms, batteries and other fire safety materials for use during Project RED Zone, the Department’s comprehensive community risk reduction program aimed at reducing fires, fire-related injuries and deaths in the Springfield community.

This donation requires no local match.

REMARKS: As a result of Project RED Zone, SFD has installed nearly 3,000 smoke alarms in 2017 alone. The Department has documented at least two fires in which the alarms installed by Springfield fire fighters notified the occupants of a fire. This donation will help the SFD continue this successful program.

Submitted by:



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