AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING the City Manager to submit a Registered Apprenticeship Academy grant application to the Missouri Department of Economic Development to support the training of individuals through registered apprenticeship training and to accept a grant from Missouri Department of Economic Development for this purpose.

WHEREAS, the Missouri Department of Economic Development ("DED") is accepting grant applications to assist with developing the workforce through registered apprenticeship training and the notice of application and deadline for submission of the grant application are more than 60 days apart; and

WHEREAS, City Code Section 2-11, 'Grant application,' provides that the City Manager may apply for grants if the notice of application and deadline for submission of a grant application are no longer than 60 days apart.

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

Section 1 – The City Manager or his designee, on behalf of the City of Springfield, may submit a Registered Apprenticeship Academy grant application to the DED no later than February 15, 2018, enter into an agreement, and make such assurances as are necessary to secure the requested funding for the duration of the grant program. If DED awards said grant in accordance with the application, the City Manager may return to Council for spending authority if necessary.

Section 2 – Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to exercise any and all powers necessary for the obtaining of DED funding and for implementing the registered apprenticeship training program, including the right to execute a sub-grant agreement or agreements for the administration of said project.

Section 3 – The City Manager is directed to cause the appropriate accounting entries to be made in the books and records of the City.
Section 4 – This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after passage.

Passed at meeting: ____________________

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Mayor

Attest: ____________________________, City Clerk

Filed as Ordinance: __________________

Approved as to form: __________________, Assistant City Attorney

Approved for Council action: __________________, City Manager
EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018- 029

FILED: 01-09-18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Workforce Development

PURPOSE: To authorize the City Manager to submit a Registered Apprenticeship Academy grant application to the Missouri Department of Economic Development to support the training of individuals through registered apprenticeship training and to accept a grant from Missouri Department of Economic Development for this purpose.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The Missouri Department of Economic Development (“DED”) is accepting proposals until February 15, 2018, from respondents to engage employers and assist with developing the workforce through the use of registered apprenticeship training. The program will create industry-driven and flexible training solutions to meet local business needs and develop the local workforce. Employers are the foundation of every registered apprenticeship program and business involvement in the program will be utilized through structured on-the-job training and technical education that will result in increased wages and a nationally recognized credential for the participants.

The application will propose to support training of 30 individuals through registered apprenticeships. The grant funds will be used to find and assess qualified participants in order to place them in available registered apprenticeship programs. Continued support of the registered apprenticeship programs will be provided either through incentive payments when apprentices receive increases in wages as they gain higher level skills or through wage reimbursement when on-the-job training is provided by the employer.

The City’s Department of Workforce Development is the lead applicant on the grant and will collaborate with the local Workforce Development Board and Community Colleges when developing the proposal. The program will fund a current business services specialist and this position will coordinate with employers and Job Center staff to ensure the program goals are achieved. The Missouri Job Center, operated by the City, will leverage eligibility, enrollment, tuition, and outreach to potential candidates for the program.

SUBMITTED BY:  
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APPROVED BY:  
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