AN ORDINANCE

AUTHORIZING the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation of $5,000 from Mercy to sponsor the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony for the purpose of adding extra lighting capabilities and supporting the expenses of hosting the annual celebration; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of $5,000.

WHEREAS, each year, the Mayor’s Tree Lighting ceremony serves as the kickoff to the holiday season in Springfield; and

WHEREAS, for many Springfield children, the ceremony is one of the only places they are able to visit with Santa Claus without paying to do so; and

WHEREAS, Mercy has a history of supporting community events, including previous sponsorships of the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony in 2013 and 2014; and

WHEREAS, this year, Mercy has offered to team up with the City to financially support the stage production and downtown lighting for the ceremony.

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, is hereby authorized to accept a donation of $5,000 from Mercy for the purpose of financially supporting the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony, and to do all things necessary to accept said donation, including the execution of contracts, provided said contracts are approved as to form by the City Attorney.

Section 2 – The budget of the Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 is hereby amended in the accounts and in the amounts as shown on Budget Adjustment No. 0017, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as “Exhibit A.”
Section 3 – 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: ______________________, Deputy City Attorney

Approved for Council action: ______________________, City Manager
EXPLANATION TO COUNCIL BILL 2018-271

FILED: 10-30-18

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: Public Information & Civic Engagement

PURPOSE: To authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to accept a donation of $5,000 from Mercy to sponsor the Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony for the purpose of adding extra lighting capabilities and supporting the expenses of hosting the annual celebration; and amending the budget for the Department of Public Information & Civic Engagement for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 in the amount of $5,000.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: Mercy has a history of supporting community events that bring joy and happiness to the citizens of Springfield. This is the third occasion that the Mercy health system has sponsored the annual Mayor’s Tree Lighting Ceremony and assisted with its promotion. Previous sponsorships were in 2013 and 2014.

Each year, the Mayor’s Tree Lighting ceremony serves as the kickoff to the holiday season in Springfield. The kick off includes holiday music, dancing, comedy, and free events for kids of all ages. For many Springfield children, this is one of the only places they are able to visit with Santa Claus without paying to do so. Mercy has teamed up with the City to help make this year’s kick off even more special, by financially supporting the stage production and downtown lighting.

REMARKS: In return for Mercy’s generous donation, the health system’s logo is included in all of the promotions for the event.

Submitted and Recommended by: Approved by:

Cora Scott, Director Jason Gage, City Manager
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Explanation:

Requested By: [Signature]  10/30/18  Department Head Date

Approved By: [Signature]  10/30/18  Director of Finance or Acting Director Date

Authorization: Council Bill No. 2018-271

Ordinance No. 1st Reading

1st Reading  2nd Reading

City Manager Date  Journal Imp No.