

Emergency Bill No. 4831
Requested by: Steve Ehlmann
Sponsored by: Terry Hollander

Ordinance No. _____

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE ST. CHARLES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND VARIOUS AGENCIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF COORDINATING EFFECTIVE RESPONSE TO HANDLING INCARCERATED PERSONS WITHIN ST. CHARLES COUNTY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, worldwide, there are currently more than 167,000 COVID-19 cases resulting in nearly 6,500 deaths. In the United States, more than 3,000 cases have been diagnosed; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the County Executive declared a State of Emergency for St. Charles County to ensure all resources are made available to assist in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed and issued healthcare protocols to reduce the likelihood of individuals contracting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the St. Charles County Charter, Article II, Section 2.605 states that to meet a public emergency affecting the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and welfare, the Council may adopt emergency ordinances; and

WHEREAS, the incarcerated population is especially at risk during this national health crisis because of the nature of secure housing facilities; and

WHEREAS, certain measures will assist the County in protecting peace, health, safety and welfare of the correctional staff and incarcerated persons within the County Correctional Facilities related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 70, Revised Statute of Missouri authorizes intergovernmental agreements between political subdivisions of this state and other political subdivisions or agencies for the purposes herein set out.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute Memoranda of Understanding for the St. Charles County Department of Corrections' response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Section 2. The County Executive, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute amendments to or renewals of such Memoranda of Understanding for this purpose, as necessary until the State of Emergency has terminated, with such agreements to be in a form approved by the County Counselor.

Section 3. Compliance with all the terms of this agreement shall be the responsibility of the St. Charles County Department of Corrections

Section 4. The agreement shall be valid upon its lawful execution as required by Chapter 70 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri.

Section 5. Declaration of Emergency. An emergency exists because there is a confirmed St. Charles County case, as well as cases in St. Louis County and St. Louis City which jurisdictions are a part of the metropolitan area.

Section 6. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval pursuant to the St. Charles County Charter Article II, Section 2.605.

DATE PASSED

DATE APPROVED BY COUNTY EXECUTIVE

CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:

COUNTY REGISTRAR