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ORDINANCE NO. 240999

Sponsor: Councilmember Andrea Bough

Authorizing the City Manager to execute on behalf of the City an Agreement with the Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool to provide critical illness benefits to I.A.F.F Local No. 42 bargaining unit members; reducing the Contingent Appropriation in the General Fund by $47,520.00 and appropriating that same amount in the General Fund for the Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool; designating requisitioning authority; and recognizing an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, Sections 320.400 and 537.620 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri authorizes the creation of a critical illness benefits pool to assist first responders in the fire service with the financial burden caused by serious health issues by providing cancer and behavioral health benefits to such first responders and help public sector agencies control rising costs due to critical illnesses; and,

WHEREAS, Sections 320.400 and 537.620 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri requires that administration of the critical illness benefits pool be by an entity formed by agreement of at least three public sector agencies and such entity has been created and approved by the Director of the Division of Commerce and Insurance and the Missouri Secretary of State called the "Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool," which is a separate body corporate and trust under the oversight of a Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City and I.A.F.F Local No. 42, adopted by this Council on August 15th, 2024, requires the City to join the Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool to provide critical illness benefits to I.A.F.F Local No. 42 bargaining unit members; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City hereby affirms its intent to become a member of the Missouri Fire Fighter Critical Illness Trust and Pool (MFFCIT) and to participate thereof upon approval of Board of Trustees of the MFFCIT.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to execute on behalf of the City a Trust and Pool Agreement, bylaws and related amendments and documents with the MFFCIT to provide critical illness benefits to I.A.F.F Local No. 42 bargaining unit members. City staff are hereby authorized and directed to provide such assistance as may be necessary to carry out the intent of this ordinance. A copy of said proposed agreement is on file with the City Manager and made a part hereof.

Section 3. That there is a reduction of the following appropriation in the General Fund by the following amount:

25-1000-179990-B	Contingent Appropriation	$47,520.00

Section 4. That the sum of $47,520.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance to the following account:

25-1000-231025-B	Critical Illness Benefits Pool	$47,520.00

Section 5. That the Director of Fire is hereby designated as requisitioning authority for Account No. 25-1000-231025.

Section 6. That this ordinance, appropriating money, is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with Section 503, City Charter.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

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Tammy L. Queen
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Alan L. Holtkamp
Senior Associate City Attorney

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