

ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION NO.: R-2025-080

Approving and Ratifying Mutual Aid Agreements between the City of Columbia and the City of Columbia Police Department and Various Law Enforcement Agencies and Authorizing the City Manager of the City of Columbia and the Chief of Police of the City of Columbia to execute all such Agreements

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Assistance and Support Act, codified in Section 23-20-10 through 23-20-60 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (2016) authorizes law enforcement agencies of the State of South Carolina (the "State") to enter into contractual agreements with other law enforcement providers as may be necessary for the proper and prudent exercise of public safety functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbia Police Department ("CPD") is desirous of entering into agreements with various law enforcement agencies in the State, in order to properly and prudently exercise public safety functions in a manner which benefits the citizens the City and the State; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia, as the governing body of the City ("City Council") believes the adoption, execution and use of multi-jurisdictional agreements to be reasonable, prudent and desirable, and that such agreements serve the best interest of the citizens of the City; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 23-20-40(B) of the Code of Laws of South Carolina (2016) all multi-jurisdictional agreements be approved by the respective governing bodies for each agency; and,

WHEREAS, there are certain jurisdictions and law enforcement agencies with whom the Columbia Police Department has had long standing cooperative relationships and entering into agreements with those jurisdictions and agencies should be facilitated; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the Police Chief of the City (the "Chief"), as the lead law enforcement officer for the City and the City Manager of the City (the "City Manager"), as the chief executive officer of the City, are qualified and shall be authorized by City Council to enter into multi-jurisdictional agreements with the select jurisdictions and agencies with which the City of Columbia has enjoyed a strong relationship; and,

WHEREAS, none of the Mutual Aid Agreements provide for any expenditure of funds from the City of Columbia above Fifty Thousand and No/100 (\$50,000.00) Dollars, so the City Manager is authorized to sign said documents; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina, this 2nd day of December, 2025, as follows:

1. The Chief and the City Manager, acting together, are authorized to execute and enter into mutual aid agreements with various law enforcement agencies with which the City of Columbia has enjoyed long standing cooperative relationships. A list of all governmental agencies to which the Chief and City Manager are authorized to so act and agree is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The Chief and the City Manager are specifically authorized and vested with the power to execute and negotiate any and all mutual aid agreements with such entities (the "Agreements").

2. To the extent any such Agreement is executed by the Chief and the City Manager, it shall be valid and binding against the City (and CPD) and upon their joint execution thereof, such Agreement shall be deemed ratified, confirmed and approved by City Council.

3. The approval and ratification powers granted herein applies to and validates all actions previously taken or to be taken by the Chief and/or the City Manager, any action taken or to be taken by the City or CPD under such agreements (as executed by the Chief and the City Manager), including, but not limited to, joint operations, extra-jurisdictional arrests, multi-jurisdictional investigations, sharing of personal and/or equipment, and all other activities authorized by applicable law and by the terms of the respective agreements.

4. Any amendment or necessary change to the list of entities in the attached Exhibit "A" shall be approved by City Council by and through an express written amendment hereto.

5. The authorization for the Chief and the City Manager to act under the provisions hereof, including the term of any Agreements authorized under the provisions of this Resolution, shall be binding until December 31, 2026, unless the authorization for the Chief and/or the City Manager to so act is revoked by the City Council, or otherwise amended.


Requested by:

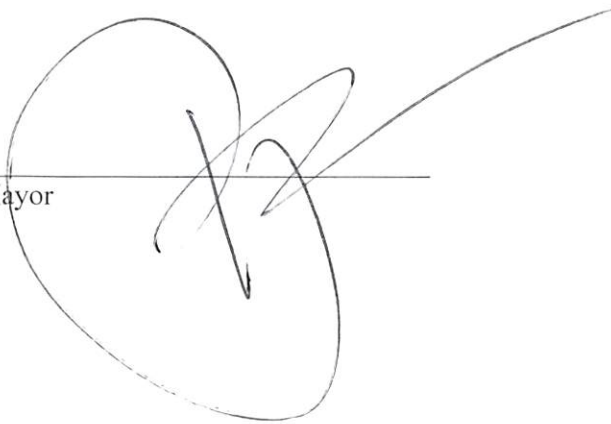
City Manager _____

Approved by:


City Manager

Approved as to form:


City Attorney


Mayor

ATTEST:


City Clerk

Introduced: 12/02/2025

Final Reading: 12/02/2025

EXHIBIT "A"
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MUNICIPALITY/COUNTY	STATE AGENCIES
Aiken County Sheriff	State Museum
Batesburg -Leesville Police Dept.	SC Department of Natural Resources
Bishopville Police Dept.	SC Department of Probation, Pardon and Parole
Camden Police Dept.	SC Department of Public Safety
Cayce Police Dept.	SLED
Charleston County Sheriff	South Carolina Criminal Justice Council
Charleston Police Dept.	South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy
Cherokee County Sheriff	South Carolina Department of Corrections
	South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
Chester County Sheriff	South Carolina Department of Revenue
Chesterfield County Sheriff	OTHER ENTITIES
Clarendon County Sheriff's Office	Allen University
Clemson University Police Dept.	Benedict College
Darlington County Sheriff	Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Elgin Police Dept.	Claflin University
Fairfield County Sheriff	Columbia College
Florence County Sheriff	Columbia Housing Community Safety
Florence Police Dept.	Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.
Forest Acres Police Dept.	Congaree Swamp National Park
Greenville Police Dept.	Drug Enforcement Administration
Greenville County Sheriff	Federal Bureau of Investigations
Horry County Police Dept.	Department of Homeland Security
Irmo Police Dept.	Flock Group Inc.
Kershaw County Sheriff	Imo-Chapin Recreation Commission
Lancaster County Sheriff	Irmo Fire District
Lexington County Sheriff	LARADAC, The Behavioral Health Center of the Midlands
Lexington Police Dept.	Midlands Technical College
Myrtle Beach Police Dept.	The Naval Criminal Investigative Service
Newberry County Sheriff	Richland Count School District One
North Charleston Police Dept.	River Alliance
North Myrtle Beach Police Dept.	South Carolina State University
Orangeburg County Sheriff	University of South Carolina Division of Public Safety
Orangeburg Department of Public Safety	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Columbia Health Care System
Richland County Sheriff	United States Law Enforcement
Spartanburg County Sheriff	United States Marine Corps, Special Operations Command (MARSCO)
Spartanburg Department of Public Safety	United States Secret Service
Springdale Police Dept.	United States Marshals
Sumter County Sheriff	
Sumter Police Dept.	
West Columbia Police Dept.	