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RESOLUTION NO.: R-2026-023

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Columbia and NeedNoMore, Inc., to support the City of Columbia's efforts to address food insecurity through improved coordination, visibility, and data sharing related to food pantry services within the city

BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, South Carolina this 3rd day of March, 2026, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding, between the City of Columbia and NeedNoMore, Inc., or on a form to be approved by the City Attorney, to collaborate on a six-month pilot program designed to support the City of Columbia's efforts to address food insecurity through improved coordination, visibility, and data sharing related to food pantry services within the City. The six-month pilot will be provided at no cost to the City of Columbia.

Requested by:

City Manager

Mayor

Approved by:

Teresa B. Wilson
City Manager

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

City Attorney

Erika D. Hammond
City Clerk

Introduced: 03/03/2026
Final Reading: 03/03/2026

Memorandum of Understanding

Between

NeedNoMore, Inc.

and

City of Columbia Office of Business Opportunities

This Memorandum of Understanding ("**MOU**") is entered into by and between **NeedNoMore, Inc., a Delaware corporation**, , ("**NeedNoMore**"), and the **City of Columbia, South Carolina, Office of Business Opportunities ("OBO")** (each individually a "Party", and collectively, the "Parties").

This MOU sets forth the terms and conditions under which the Parties agree to collaborate on a **six-month pilot program** designed to support the City of Columbia's efforts to address food insecurity through improved coordination, visibility, and data sharing related to food pantry services within the City.

Background

NeedNoMore is a civic-technology organization that develops data-driven tools to improve food access and reduce food insecurity. NeedNoMore operates a multi-stakeholder platform that enables real-time information sharing among food pantries, community members, and public agencies. Its services include but are not limited to: live maps of food availability, community-reported food needs, surplus alerts from food pantries, and analytics that help identify gaps in food access across time and geography.

Founded in 1786, the **City of Columbia** is the capital city of South Carolina. The **Office of Business Opportunities (OBO)** supports initiatives that strengthen local communities and improve access to resources for residents. OBO is interested in innovative approaches that enhance coordination among community organizations and improve outcomes for City residents.

The Parties desire to collaborate on a time-limited pilot to test the use of NeedNoMore's platform and data analytics tools to support food access and coordination among food pantries serving residents of the City of Columbia.

Purpose

The purpose of this MOU is to establish a framework for a **six-month pilot collaboration** in which NeedNoMore will provide the City of Columbia with access to food-access data and tools designed to:

- Improve visibility into **what types of food residents are searching for, where, and when**;
- Support **real-time information exchange among food pantries**, including surplus alerts;
- Provide a **live, community-informed map** of food pantry availability and services;
- Enable the City to better understand **patterns, gaps, and trends in food access** during the pilot period.

This pilot is intended for learning, evaluation, and exploration of future collaboration and does not constitute a long-term service agreement.

Scope of Collaboration

During the pilot period, subject to availability and participation by food pantries and community members:

- **NeedNoMore** will aim to:
  - Provide access to the city dashboard on its platform and relevant pilot-level data related to food searches, pantry availability, and surplus alerts within the City of Columbia;
  - Share aggregated insights and summaries generated during the pilot;
  - Designate a point of contact for coordination with OBO.
- **City of Columbia (OBO)** will aim to:
  - Serve as a liaison to support awareness of the pilot among relevant City departments and community partners;
  - Designate a point of contact for coordination with NeedNoMore;
  - Use pilot outputs to inform internal understanding of food access needs during the pilot period.
  - Support general awareness of the pilot by sharing information about NeedNoMore through appropriate City channels and introductions, including, where appropriate, connections to community organizations, food pantries, and healthcare or social service providers.

Intellectual Property and Data Rights

1. **Ownership.**
   All intellectual property, technology, software, methodologies, platform features, and underlying systems used or developed by NeedNoMore in connection with this pilot shall remain the **sole and exclusive property of NeedNoMore**.
2. **City Use of Data.**
   NeedNoMore grants the City of Columbia a **non-exclusive, royalty-free license** to use data, reports, dashboards, maps, and analytical outputs provided during the pilot **solely for internal governmental, planning, and public-service purposes**. This license is fully revocable at any time, at the sole and complete discretion of NeedNoMore.
3. **Limitations.**
   The City shall not reproduce, commercialize, sublicense, or distribute property or software owned by NeedNoMore. This MOU does not grant the City ownership of NeedNoMore's intellectual property.

Reporting and Evaluation

The Parties agree to evaluate the pilot **at the conclusion of the six-month period**, based on mutually agreed goals and observed outcomes, including data usefulness, coordination improvements, and operational feasibility.

Funding

This MOU does **not** constitute a commitment of funds or future performance by either Party. The six-month pilot will be provided **at no cost to the City of Columbia**.

Duration

This MOU shall become effective upon signature by authorized representatives of both Parties and shall remain in effect for a **six-month pilot period**, unless earlier terminated by mutual written agreement of the Parties.

Modification and Termination

This MOU may be modified by executing an additional MOU. The Parties may mutually agree to terminate this MOU upon mutual written consent. Either Party may terminate this MOU at any time for any reason upon providing the other party ten (10) days prior written notice.

Signatures

In witness whereof, the parties to this MOU through their duly authorized representatives have executed this MOU on the days and dates set out below, and certify that they have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions of this MOU as set forth herein. The effective date of this MOU is the date of the signature last affixed to this page.

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City of Columbia, SC

Date: 3/11/2026

APPROVED AS TO FORM
Legal Department City of Columbia, SC
2/23/2026