

BILL NO. 1646

ORDINANCE NO. 1581.24.03

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI,  
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA TO SIGN AN MPUA  
MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI,  
AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.**

The City Council of the City of Palmyra, Missouri, hereby authorizes the Mayor of the City of Palmyra to sign an MPUA Mutual Aid Program Agreement by and between the City of Palmyra and the Missouri Public Utility Alliance, a copy of which is attached hereto.

**SECTION 2.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its date of passage and approval.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: July 11, 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Aug 1, 2024



ATTEST:

Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk

## MPUA MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

**In consideration of the mutual commitments given herein**, each of the signatories (hereafter referred to as “Party” or collectively as “Parties”) to the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy agrees as follows:

**Whereas**, the laws of the States of Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Nebraska provide that these public entities are empowered to make and enter into Mutual Aid Agreements with other public and private entities to more effectively allocate utility services, and other public safety services and resources during emergency situations;

**Whereas**, the Parties to this Agreement do not possess all of the necessary resources to cope with every possible emergency or disaster by themselves, and an efficient, effective response can best be achieved by the application and leveraging of the collective resources of the Parties;

**Whereas**, the Parties to this Agreement have determined that it is in their collective best interest to develop and implement comprehensive preparedness plans and conduct joint exercises in advance of a sudden and immediate need to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of their response to any emergency or disaster;

**Whereas**, it is desirable that each of the Parties hereto, within their sole discretion, should provide aid and assistance to each other in the event of an emergency situation by the interchange and exchange of utility personnel, equipment, resources, and services; and

**Whereas**, it is necessary and desirable that this Mutual Aid Agreement be executed for the interchange and exchange of such mutual assistance to the Parties of the MPUA Mutual Aid Program.

**Now, therefore**, it is hereby agreed by and between each and all of the Parties hereto as follows:

1. **Mutual Aid Voluntary**: Participation in the MPUA Mutual Aid is completely voluntary. No Party is required to provide mutual aid, no Party is required to accept mutual aid under the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy and this Agreement.
2. **Request For Aid**: The requesting Party to this Agreement will make its request for mutual aid through the MPUA Mutual Aid Coordinator within a reasonable time after aid is needed and with reasonable specificity.
3. **Compensation**: The requesting Party agrees to compensate the Party providing the mutual aid as specified in the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy. This includes the period of time beginning with the departure of any personnel and/or equipment of the assisting Party from any point for the purpose of traveling to provide assistance exclusively to the requesting Party and ending on the return of all of the assisting Party’s personnel and equipment to their regular place of work or assignment, or otherwise terminated through written or verbal notice of the requesting or assisting Party’s UER Facilitator.
4. **Discretionary rendering of aid**: Rendering of mutual aid, pursuant to this Agreement, is entirely at the discretion of the Party who has been requested to provide mutual aid. This


Agreement of mutual aid is expressly not contingent upon a declaration of a major disaster or emergency by the federal or state governments or upon receiving federal or state funds.

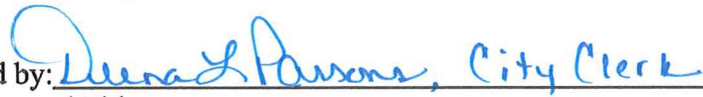
5. Invoice to the requesting Party: The assisting Party shall invoice for all reimbursable expenses, as set out in the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy, not later than forty-five (45) days following the return of all of the assisting Party's personnel and equipment to their regular place of work or assignment, or otherwise terminated through written or verbal notice of the requesting or assisting Party's UER Facilitator. The requesting Party, who received mutual aid, shall pay the invoice as directed by the assisting Party, who rendered aid.
6. Documentation of expenses: The assisting Party must document sufficiently all expenses to support its claims for reimbursement of such expenses.
7. MPUA Mutual Aid Policy controls: The Parties to this Agreement agree and acknowledge they have read the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy which the terms and conditions thereof control this Agreement. The Parties to this Agreement expressly agree to all terms and conditions contained in the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy on the date of each Party's final execution of this Agreement.
8. Insurance Requirements: Each Party participating in mutual aid shall be responsible for its own actions and those of its employees and is responsible for obtaining and maintaining the following insurance:
  - a. Workers Compensation: Each Party shall comply with its respective state's Workers' Compensation law, including extraterritorial coverage as required.
  - b. Automobile Liability Coverage: Each Party shall comply with its state's motor vehicle financial responsibility laws, including extraterritorial coverage as required.
  - c. General Liability Coverage: To the extent permitted by law, each Party shall be responsible for any and all claims demands, suits, actions, damages, and causes for action related to or arising out of or in any way connected with its own actions and the actions of its personnel in providing mutual aid assistance rendered or performed pursuant to the terms and conditions of this Agreement and in accordance with the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy.
9. Limitation of Liability: The execution of this Agreement shall not give rise to any liability or responsibility for failure to respond to any request for assistance made pursuant to this Agreement. This Agreement shall not be construed as or deemed to be an Agreement for the benefit of any third party or third parties, and no third party or third parties shall have any right of action whatsoever hereunder for any cause whatsoever against any Party, including MPUA.
10. MPUA's Role: The Parties acknowledge MPUA's sole role is the facilitation and coordination of the Parties' efforts to render reciprocal mutual aid when such needs arise. The Parties further acknowledge that MPUA receives no consideration for its role in this program but has agreed to facilitate the program for the sole benefit of the Member cities.

11. Term of the Agreement: This Agreement shall become effective as to each individual participating Party when it is approved and executed by that Party. The Agreement shall remain in effect as between each and every Party until participation in this Agreement is terminated by the Party in writing. Termination of participation in this Agreement by a Party shall not affect the continued operation of this Agreement as between the remaining Parties. Any Party to this Agreement may terminate participation in this Agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice addressed to the MPUA Mutual Aid Coordinator.
  
12. Modification or Amendment: This MPUA Mutual Aid Agreement and/or the MPUA Mutual Aid Policy may be modified and/or amended in writing signed by all participating Members. Failure to agree to an amendment will result in that participating Member terminating this Agreement.
  
13. Counterparts: The Parties may execute this Mutual Aid Agreement in one or more counterparts, with each counterpart being deemed an original Agreement, but with all counterparts being considered one Agreement.
  
14. Execution of Agreement: Each Party hereto has read, agreed to, and executed this mutual aid Agreement on the date indicated. The executor of this Agreement states they have the necessary authority from their jurisdiction or entity to bind their respective jurisdiction or entity named herein, and that all proper municipal/entity approval(s) to enter into this Agreement have been granted and/or approved.

**In Witness Whereof**, this Agreement has been approved and executed, and is effective and operative as to each of the Parties, who fully execute this Agreement, as herein provided.

\_\_\_\_\_, Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 MPUA President & CEO

 Mayor, Date 8/5/24  
 Signature and Title  
 City of Palmyra

Attested by: , City Clerk, Date 8/5/2024  
 Signature and Title

**Please send signed Agreement  
 and completed MPUA Mutual Aid Coordinator Reference Sheet to:**  
 MPUA  
 ATTN: Konda Bentley  
 2200 Maguire Blvd.  
 Columbia, MO 65201

**MPUA MUTUAL AID COORDINATOR REFERENCE SHEET**  
**(This sheet MUST accompany the signed Mutual Aid Agreement)**

**CITY OF** Palmyra

**Designated Utility Emergency Response (UER) Facilitator Contact Information:**

Name: Brent Abell  
Address: PO Box 32 Palmyra MD 63461  
Office Phone: 513-769-6001  
Cell Phone: 513-822-9746  
Email: bpwsupt@palmyr.md.gov

**Are there special provisions affecting overtime hours worked by your employees?**

Yes                      No

Please describe those provisions or terms: \_\_\_\_\_  
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