



Board of Aldermen Request for Action

MEETING DATE: 4/7/2026

DEPARTMENT: Police Department

AGENDA ITEM: Resolution 1572, A Resolution Applying for the Missouri Blue Shield Public Safety Accreditation Program.

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION

Motion to Approve Resolution 1572, authorizing the Chief of Police to apply for the Missouri Blue Shield Public Safety Accreditation Program.

SUMMARY

Included in the agenda packet for the March 25, 2026, Board of Aldermen meeting, was a report regarding the City's intent to apply for designation under the Missouri Blue Shield Accreditation Program. The program requires participating communities to demonstrate a strong commitment to public safety through investment in law enforcement and related public safety efforts, partnerships with local entities, recruiting and retention initiatives, community policing efforts, and compliance with applicable Missouri statutes.

As part of the application process, the City must adopt a resolution formally expressing its commitment to public safety and the reduction of violent crime. Approval of this resolution is required before the City may submit an application to the program.

There are currently 110 cities in Missouri participating in the Blue Shield Program. Designation as a Blue Shield Community would strengthen the City's eligibility for future grant opportunities, state support, and public safety partnerships, while also providing potential long-term financial and operational benefits.

PREVIOUS ACTION

N/A

POLICY ISSUE

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There is no financial impact.

ATTACHMENTS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Report | <input type="checkbox"/> Minutes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Letter | |

RESOLUTION 1572

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO APPLY FOR THE MISSOURI BLUE SHIELD PUBLIC SAFETY ACCREDITATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Governor of Missouri, Mike Kehoe, has announced the availability of the Blue Shield Program, an initiative designed to recognize and support communities committed to enhancing public safety and strengthening support for law enforcement within the State of Missouri; and,

WHEREAS, the Blue Shield Program allows communities to access state grants for law enforcement training and equipment, contributing to the Governor's Safer Missouri initiative as outlined in Executive Order 25-03; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Smithville is committed to improving public safety and recognizes the importance of fostering sustainable partnerships with law enforcement, thereby ensuring a safe and secure community for its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Smithville has made significant investments in public safety funding, including initiatives for community policing and local partnerships aimed at improving public safety measures; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Smithville has implemented recruitment and retention programs for law enforcement officers and demonstrated effectiveness through innovative programs aimed at reducing crime; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Smithville is an active participant in regional anti-crime task forces and is committed to ongoing collaboration with these initiatives; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Smithville complies with Missouri crime reporting, traffic stop data requirements, peace officer training, use of force, and similar regulations essential for the maintenance of high public safety standards; and,

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that future grant funding opportunities will be subject to the Missouri General Assembly appropriating funds for this program which has not occurred at the time of this resolution's preparation; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SMITHVILLE, STATE OF MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

THAT the Board of Aldermen of the City of Smithville hereby authorizes and wholeheartedly supports the City's application to the Missouri Department of Public Safety for participation in the Missouri Blue Shield Program and for Missouri Blue Shield designation to gain recognition for the City's established commitment to enhanced public safety, support for law enforcement, and encouragement of community partnerships relative to public safety.

THAT once obtained, the City of Smithville is committed to maintaining its Blue Shield designation through annual reporting to the Missouri Department of Public Safety on its ongoing efforts and achievements in public safety.

THAT the City of Smithville will utilize the resources available through the Blue Shield Program, including state grants, to further enhance training, equipment, and community policing efforts.

THAT the Director of Public Safety, in coordination with City officials, is authorized to prepare and submit all necessary application materials for the Blue Shield Program as outlined by the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

THAT copies of this Resolution shall be shared with the Missouri Department of Public Safety and other relevant agencies to facilitate the application process.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 7th DAY OF APRIL 2026.

Damien Boley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Linda Drummond, City Clerk