

CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 3663

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A PERPETUAL UTILITY EASEMENT
TO AMEREN ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia (“City”), Monroe and St. Clair Counties, Illinois is a duly created, organized and validly existing municipality of the State of Illinois under the 1970 Illinois Constitution and the laws of the State of Illinois, including particularly the Illinois Municipal Code, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-2-12 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/2-2-12) authorizes the City to contract and be contracted with, and hold real property for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, as part of improvements underway in Bolm-Schuhkraft Memorial Park (“Park”), Ameren Illinois (“Ameren”) will facilitate the installation of certain area lighting adjacent to said improvements; and

WHEREAS, Ameren has determined it is necessary to extend its electric utility to the locations of the proposed lighting within the Park; and

WHEREAS, Ameren does not currently have an easement necessary within the Park to reach the installation areas; and

WHEREAS, Ameren has prepared the necessary documentation related to the proposed underground electric extension, and identified the easement needed; and

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities of the City have reviewed the proposed easement documentation, and find it necessary and appropriate to enact this Ordinance for the purpose of granting said easement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Columbia, as follows:

Section 1. The preceding recitations in the upper part of this Ordinance are realleged, restated and adopted as paragraph one (“1”) of this Ordinance.

Section 2. The Easement (Underground Electric) document, attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, is hereby approved.

Section 3. The Corporate Authorities of the City do hereby authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the Easement document.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall take full force and effect immediately upon passage by the Corporate Authorities.

PASSED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Columbia, Illinois and deposited and filed in the office of the City Clerk on the 20th day of February, 2024, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Huch, Holtkamp, Riddle, Garmer, Khoury, Lawlor, and Nobbe.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

APPROVED:

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BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:

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ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

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