



STAFF REPORT

Board of Aldermen

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSIGNING A TASK FORCE OFFICER FOR HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN INVESTIGATIONS AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE CONTRACT.

FIRST READING: **APRIL 22, 2025** **FINAL READING:** **APRIL 22, 2025**

Initiated By: Police

Approved By: *Cathy Stepp*

Financial Impact: Other (See additional explanation under Detailed Analysis)

Community Plan 2030: C-1: Public Safety

FACTS:

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) has requested the Branson Police Department enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow a Branson Police Department Officer to perform certain HSI duties. The MOU sets forth the agreement and relationship between the parties.

HSI is tasked with investigating and tracking human trafficking and internet crimes throughout the United States and its interests throughout the world.

This agreement will enable a Branson Police Officer to be deputized as a Homeland Security Investigations Officer, providing them with federal jurisdiction, additional training and resources.

Branson PD will maintain final decision making ability for the officer's participation in federal operations and deployments.

Staff is requesting a double read.

DETAILED ANALYSIS:

There will be no financial impact to the City of Branson as this agreement allows HSI to reimburse BPD for any overtime funds expended during any federal case involvement. This agreement will also benefit Branson by expanding the officer's ability to investigate crimes that expand past our jurisdictional boundaries.

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

No Additional Information