

**CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS
ORDINANCE NO. 3585**

**AN ORDINANCE RECOGNIZING THE CITY OF CAHOKIA HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS AS
THE SUCCESSOR TO THE COMMONFIELDS OF CAHOKIA PUBLIC WATER
DISTRICT**

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 10 of Article 7 of the 1970 Constitution of the State of Illinois allows and provides that units of local government may make and enter into intergovernmental cooperation agreements for any uses and purposes not prohibited by law and may devote their financial resources to the accomplishment of same; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Columbia, Illinois (the “City”) and the Board of Trustees of Commonfields of Cahokia Public Water District (the “Commonfields”), each being a “public agency” as defined in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act of Illinois, found, determined and declared that it was in their mutual best interest that they combine certain of their resources and join together to provide on an economical and efficient basis adequate supplies of potable water to be derived from the Mississippi River for their respective service areas; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized and approved the “MUNICIPAL JOINT ACTION WATER AGENCY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS AND THE COMMONFIELDS OF CAHOKIA PUBLIC WATER DISTRICT”; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cahokia Heights, Illinois was founded on May 6, 2021, by the merger of the Villages of Cahokia and Alorton and the City of Centreville; and

WHEREAS, the merger was previously approved by the voters of Cahokia, Alorton and Centreville on November 3, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as part of the merger and creation of the City of Cahokia Heights, Commonfields has been dissolved, with the City of Cahokia Heights assuming the obligations of Commonfields.

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 City hereby finds that the City of Cahokia Heights, Illinois is the legal successor to the Commonfields of Cahokia Public Water District with the same legal rights and obligations of the predecessor Water District.

Section 3. 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 7th day of September, 2021, the vote being taken by ayes and noes and entered upon the legislative record as follows:

AYES: Aldermen Niemietz, Roessler, Holtkamp, Martens, Riddle, Garmer, and Khoury.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: Alderman Huch.

APPROVED:



BOB HILL, Mayor

ATTEST:



ANDREW HITZEMANN, City Clerk

(SEAL)