

Executive Summary

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023/2024 BUDGET ORDINANCE 2023-24 TO APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF MT JULIET SPECIAL CENSUS

The City is in the process of performing the special census in order to accurately reflect the actual population. The initial funds of \$60k will not be sufficient to cover the total cost of preparing and verifying the special census. The cost to verify the total count is \$43k. The City will need additional funds to advertise the census and provide information materials as to how important an accurate count is to the City and to encourage all citizens to complete the forms. The Executive Department estimates an additional \$50k will be needed.

The current State Shared Revenue estimate is \$170.29 per capita. The total funds budgeted for the special census would be \$110k. The census would only need to add a minimum of 646 people to cover the cost of the special census. It is estimated that the city's population has far exceeded that number.

The 2020 official census estimated the city's population at 39,289. In July of 2021 the population was estimated at 40,789 (1,500 increase) and as of July 2022, it is estimated that the city's population has grown to 42,548 (1,759 increase). Assuming an average increase of 4% per year, it's estimated that the current population is approximately 44,250 which would bring in revenues of \$7.5 million.