

RESOLUTION 25-14 A

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF COLUMBIA FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF CONVEYING WASTEWATER FROM THE CITY OF SPRING HILL TO THE CITY OF COLUMBIA'S TREATMENT FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Spring Hill is continually evaluating options to ensure the long-term sustainability, capacity, and reliability of its wastewater treatment and conveyance systems; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Matt Fitterer and City staff recently met with the Mayor of the City of Columbia and Columbia staff to discuss the potential feasibility of conveying wastewater generated in Spring Hill to the City of Columbia for treatment services, at the expense of the City of Spring Hill; and

WHEREAS, following those discussions, the parties reached general agreement that additional technical and engineering analysis is necessary to determine the feasibility, timing, and scope of such a concept; and

WHEREAS, the scope of the proposed analysis includes, but is not limited to, capital improvement recommendations to convey up to 1.5 million gallons per day (MGD) to Columbia; and

WHEREAS, the City of Columbia has indicated its willingness to engage J.R. Wauford & Company to perform the necessary engineering and technical evaluation, with the understanding that the City of Spring Hill Utilities Department would reimburse the City of Columbia for the costs associated with these services; and

WHEREAS, the proposed engineering fee is \$96,000, with an additional 25 percent contingency (\$24,000) recommended should additional engineering services be required, for a total potential cost of \$120,000; and

WHEREAS, should the results of the engineering analysis demonstrate strong feasibility and a reasonable cost and implementation timeline, it is anticipated that the governing bodies of the City of Spring Hill and the City of Columbia, would complete and sign an interlocal agreement addressing construction and ongoing service provision; and

WHEREAS, utility funds are available to cover the proposed costs if approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE, THAT:

Section 1. The Board of Mayor and Aldermen hereby approve entering into a Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Columbia, in substantial conformity with the draft attached hereto,

for engineering services necessary to evaluate the feasibility and costs of conveying wastewater from the City of Spring Hill to the City of Columbia's treatment facilities.

Section 2. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute the Reimbursement Agreement necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

Section 3. The Finance Director is authorized to process reimbursement payments in accordance with the terms of the Reimbursement Agreement, with total expenditures not to exceed \$120,000, subject to the approval conditions set forth herein.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen of the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee, on the 5th day of January 2026.



Matt Fitterer, Mayor

ATTEST:



April Goad, City Recorder

LEGAL FORM APPROVED:



Patrick Carter, City Attorney

STAFF MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Mayor and Aldermen
FROM: Carter Napier, City Administrator
DATE: December 31, 2025
SUBJECT: Resolution 25-14-A, Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Columbia

RECOMMENDATION:

That the board authorize the Mayor to sign the Reimbursement Agreement with the City of Columbia, in substantial conformity with the attached, for engineering services needed to evaluate the possibility of conveying sewage from Spring Hill to the City of Columbia's treatment plant.

BACKGROUND & INFORMATION:

Just a few weeks ago, Mayor Fitterer and a team of staff engaged the Mayor of Columbia and his staff to discuss the possibilities of conveying sewage from Spring Hill to Columbia for treatment services at the sole cost of the City of Spring Hill. Upon reaching broad accord with the concept, it was determined that a series of data would be needed to understand the feasibility and implementation of such an idea. Items of analysis that are needed include, capital improvement recommendations to convey up to 1.5 MGD to Columbia, analysis of collection points and connection locations, review of potential plant improvements, and an analysis of flow data, among a number of other analyses including hydraulic studies potentially.

The City of Columbia is prepared to engage the services of J.R. Wauford & Company with the understanding that the City of Spring Hill, Utilities would reimburse the City of Columbia for costs associated with this service. It is further understood that if the results suggest strong feasibility for conveying sewage from Spring Hill to Columbia for treatment services, including a reasonable cost and timeline by which this might occur, that the respective governing bodies, will complete and sign an interlocal agreement to further engage this relationship for both construction and service provision. The subsequent interlocal agreement would come forward at a future Board meeting for formal adoption.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The engineering team has proposed a fee for service of \$96K. It is also proposed that an additional 25% (\$24K) be set aside in the event additional engineering services might be needed. Said services would need to be approved by both cities should those services exceed 10% of the original cost. The total recommended budgetary impact would be \$120K which would come from utility funds, if approved.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution, Memo, and Draft of Reimbursement Agreement



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REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE
AND THE CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE

THIS REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is made by and between the City of Spring Hill, Tennessee (“Spring Hill”) and the City of Columbia, Tennessee (“Columbia”) as of the last date of execution recited below.

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WHEREAS, Columbia desires to understand the potential impact of accepting wastewater from Spring Hill, including necessary improvements for the conveyance of wastewater to Columbia’s wastewater system from Spring Hill’s wastewater system; and

WHEREAS, Columbia is considering entering into an Agreement for Engineering Services (attached as Exhibit A hereto) to evaluate said opportunity with the total cost of same being \$96,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Spring Hill clearly stands to benefit from this Agreement as it continues to navigate issues related to its ongoing sewer connection moratorium;

WHEREAS, it is contemplated that Spring Hill will reimburse Columbia said cost if and as said cost is incurred by Columbia.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed by Spring Hill and Columbia as follows:

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2. Spring Hill will reimburse Columbia for the engineering services plus up to a 10% contingency, if needed, for unexpected costs or minor modifications in the scope of the engineering services pursuant to the Agreement attached as Exhibit A hereto as said costs are incurred by

Columbia no later than five (5) business days after being presented an invoice by Columbia up to the total Exhibit A Agreement amount of \$96,000.00 (plus the 10% contingency, if needed).

3. Any change in the scope or cost in excess of the 10% contingency provided above associated with the Exhibit A contract shall be subject to further approval and agreement by and between Spring Hill and Columbia.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Reimbursement Agreement as of the last date recorded below.

ATTEST:

CITY OF SPRING HILL, TENNESSEE

By: _____
MATT FITTERER, Mayor

CITY OF COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

By: _____
CHAZ MOLDER, Mayor

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