AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND IMPOSITION OF A FEE OF FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50.00) TO BE COLLECTED ANNUALLY BY ST. LOUIS COUNTY; TO BE USED ONLY FOR THE COST OF CERTAIN REPAIRS OF DEFECTIVE LATERAL SEWER SERVICE LINES AS APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF VOTERS OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI ON APRIL 2, 2013.

WHEREAS, Section 249.422 RSMo. authorizes cities to impose by Ordinance following voter approval, an annual fee not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) to pay the cost of certain repairs of defective lateral sewer service lines; and

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2013, a majority of the registered voters of the City of Richmond Heights, Missouri, voted their approval of Proposition S to allow an increase of a fee up to a maximum of fifty-dollars (50.00) to pay the cost of certain repairs of defective lateral sewer lines on all residential property having six or less dwelling units in the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, the residential sanitary sewer infrastructure is continually aging and repair expenses have increased significantly since 2013, causing the fund to operate towards a significant deficit; and

WHEREAS, the annual fee is to be collected annually by St. Louis County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF RICHMOND HEIGHTS, MISSOURI, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Richmond Heights does hereby levy and impose an annual fee of fifty dollars (\$50.00) on all residential property having six or less dwelling units to provide the funds to pay the cost of certain repairs of defective lateral sewer service lines of those dwelling units, to be collected by St. Louis County via the annual St. Louis County Real Estate Property Tax Bill.

<u>SECTION 2</u>. The funds collected shall be deposited in the established special account to be used solely for the purpose of paying for all or a portion of the costs reasonably associated with and necessary to administer and carry out the defective lateral sewer service line repairs. All interest generated on deposited funds shall be accrued to the special account established for the repair of lateral sewer service lines.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force immediately upon passage

PASSED and SIGNED this 5th day of September, 2023.

JIM THOMSON MAYOR

ATTEST:

AMY HAMILTON CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

First reading:

August 21, 2023

Second reading:

KENNETH J. HEINZ CITY ATTORNEY

September 5, 2023