

ORDINANCE NO.

ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A \$1,000,000.00 GRANT FROM THE WILL COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD FOR THE NO-COST COUNSELING PROGRAM, AMENDMENT OF THE 2026 BUDGET TO RECEIVE AND EXPEND GRANT FUNDS, AND CREATION OF AN ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORKER POSITION TO PERFORM GRANT FUNDED ACTIVITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet was notified that it was awarded \$1,000,000.00 from the Will County Community Mental Health Board for the ongoing no-cost counseling program through the Joliet Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, On December 5, 2025, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18809 establishing the 2026 Annual Budget. Under Illinois law (65 ILCS 5/8-2-9.6), the City Council may revise the annual budget by a two-thirds vote, provided sufficient funds exist to support the revisions. A budget amendment is required to support these awarded funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet is dedicated to applying for grants for programming and initiatives to support resident needs and is recommending that the Joliet City Council accept this grant from the Will County Community Mental Health Board; and

WHEREAS, the Grant Award will contribute to the cost of mental health sessions for residents of Will County in crisis, and the cost of a new, additional social worker to manage the influx in calls; and

WHEREAS, the City of Joliet will approve the addition of a new social worker position supported by this grant; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council have determined that it is in the City's best interest to accept the Will County Community Mental Health Board grant.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS, PURSUANT TO ITS STATUTORY AND HOME RULE AUTHORITY, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The Mayor and City Council hereby find the recitals contained in this preamble to this Ordinance are true, correct, and complete and are hereby incorporated into this Ordinance by reference.

SECTION 2: Grant Acceptance The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute the grant agreement and directed to accept any and all funds made available by the Will County Community Mental Health Board for the ongoing no-cost counseling program through the Joliet Fire Department. The City Manager is authorized to add a new social worker position supported by this grant.

SECTION 3: Amendment of 2026 Budget The City of Joliet's 2026 Annual Budget is hereby amended to increase the following expenditures:

Organization	Object	Amount	Purpose
07001000	420101	\$1,000,000	Grant Revenue
07001000	501000	\$140,000	Social Worker Salary and benefits
07001000	548000	\$860,000	Grant Funded Counseling Program

SECTION 4: Increase number of Social Worker Positions The number of Social Worker positions shall be increased in the Fire Department from one (1) to two (2). The City Manager is authorized to fill this position as well as any subsequent vacancies.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall be considered severable, and the invalidity of any section, clause, paragraph, sentence or provision of the Ordinance shall not affect the validity of any other portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in effect upon its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK

VOTING YES: _____

VOTING NO: _____

NOT VOTING: _____