

**THE CITY OF OKLAHOMA CITY  
OFFICE OF  
THE MUNICIPAL COUNSELOR**

Council Agenda  
Item No. IV. D  
11/22/2022

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Kenneth Jordan, Municipal Counselor

Memorandum of Understanding with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation authorizing police officers employed by The City of Oklahoma City Police Department to take law enforcement action to enforce City criminal camping or trespassing ordinances or other related criminal ordinances at bridges, underpasses and land owned by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation that lie within the corporate limits of The City of Oklahoma City.

Councilmembers Stonecipher, Carter and Stone

**Background:**

The City of Oklahoma City (“City”) and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (“ODOT”) have a mutual concern of addressing public health and safety concerns caused by residents camping, trespassing, or otherwise committing unlawful activity at or near bridge underpasses owned and operated by ODOT.

This Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) authorizes the City, by and through Oklahoma City Police Department (“OCPD”) police officers to enforce City criminal camping or trespassing ordinances or other related criminal ordinances at bridges, underpasses and land owned by ODOT that lie within the corporate limits of the City. In turn, ODOT agrees to consult and provide assistance, when necessary, in the prosecution of individuals cited by OCPD police officers for criminal camping or trespassing in public places or for other related criminal activities at the bridges, underpasses, and land locations as identified by ODOT. ODOT has agreed to enter into this MOU in an effort to help address the public health and safety concerns outlined above.

The MOU does not create an employment relationship between the Parties and does not confer any right by either Party or its employees to assume, create, or incur any liability or any obligation of any kind on behalf of the other Party.

**Review:**

Municipal Counselor’s Office

**Recommendation:** Memorandum of Understanding be approved.