



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE:	March 10, 2026
TITLE:	An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Execute an Agreement Between the City of Collinsville and Bluff View Farm, Inc. for the Farming of Real Estate (United Drive – 2026)
DEPARTMENT:	Administration
PROJECT MANAGER:	Derek Jackson, AICP, City Manager
REQUESTED ACTION:	Approval
STRATEGIC GOAL(S):	PLAN #7: Support excellent municipal services
ATTACHMENTS:	Ordinance, Agreement

Summary Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a lease agreement with Bluff View Farm, Inc. allowing the company to farm four (4) City-owned vacant lots located at 108, 110, 112, and 114 United Drive for agricultural purposes from March 15, 2026 through October 15, 2028. Bluff View Farm, Inc. will pay the City \$1,650 annually to lease the subject properties.

Executive Summary

The proposed ordinance authorizes the City to enter into a lease agreement with Bluff View Farm, Inc. for the agricultural use of City-owned property located at 108, 110, 112, and 114 United Drive. The properties collectively total approximately 5.6 acres. Under the proposed agreement, Bluff View Farm, Inc. will pay the City \$1,650 annually to lease the land, which equates to approximately \$295 per acre. As part of the agreement, Bluff View Farm, Inc. will also be responsible for maintaining and mowing the property edges adjacent to United Drive.

The City acquired these properties in 2024 as the future site of Fire Station 3. This acquisition was a strategic step toward implementing the Fire Department Master Plan, which calls for transitioning to a three-station model. In the interim period before construction of the future station, allowing the property to be used for agricultural purposes provides productive use of the land while offsetting City maintenance costs.

It is also anticipated that the eventual fire station development may not require the full 5.6 acres. The lease agreement therefore includes provisions allowing the City to terminate the lease with notice or transfer the agreement to another party should the property be subdivided or needed for development.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the subject Ordinance to lease 108, 110, 112, and 114 United Drive to Bluff View Farm, Inc.

Department Review

Administration, Corporate Counsel, Fire, Parks & Recreation

Site Map

