



MEMORANDUM

**City of Kansas City, Missouri
Health Commission**
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to build a healthier community.*



Date: October 28, 2021

From: Kansas City, MO Health Commission
Health Policy and Advocacy Committee

To: Mayor Quinton Lucas
City of Kansas City, Missouri: City Council

Subject: Recommendations for Ordinance 210873

The Health Commission strongly supports the Housing Trust fund (herein, HTF), described in Ordinance 210873.

As stated in the 2022-2027 KC-Community Health Improvement Plan (KC-CHIP)¹: “It is the goal of the Health Commission that affordable housing be prioritized as an effective strategy to promote the overall well-being of individuals and families.” Adoption of the Housing Trust Fund supports the goals and strategies that have been approved for the CHIP, and:

- Goal 5: Investing in Truly Safe, Affordable Rental Housing,
- Goal 6: Increasing Investment in Zoning Policies to Create More Diverse, Mixed-income Communities in High in High Opportunity Areas,

We recommend that all units using HTF funds to support, preserve, or create such units shall be kept affordable for at least 99 years in accordance with the definition of “affordable housing”.

Additionally, we recommend the following:

- Establish a HTF Governing Board representing different sectors of the affordable housing ecosystem, including residents living at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI);
- Mixed-income projects where projects include on-site a mix of incomes at 80% AMI, 50% or 60% AMI, and 30% AMI;
- At least 10% of units be at/below 30% AMI to be in alignment with the set aside ordinance

Sincerely,

Kansas City, MO Health Commission

cc. Health Policy and Advocacy Committee

Chris McKinney, Co-Chair; Emma Shankland, Health Commissioner and Co-Chair

¹ KC Health Commission, <https://www.kcmo.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/6700/637571825259670000>



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