

# GENERAL

## Ordinance Fact Sheet

180500

Ordinance Number

Brief Title	Approval Deadline
Amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances to add Division 21 consisting of Sections 2-970-60 entitled "Water Utilities Advisory Board".	

Reason
Amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances to add a new Division 21 consisting of Sections 2-970-50 through 2-970-60 entitled "Water Utilities Advisory Board".

**Details**

**Positions/Recommendations**

Reason for Legislation
Establishing a Water Utilities Advisory Board appointed by the Mayor and amending Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," by enacting a new Division 21 consisting of Sections 2-970.50 through 2-970.60 entitled "Water Utilities Advisory Board" to review and make annual recommendations to the City Council and the Water Services Department for the services, financial policies, rates, charges, and fees used to support the annual budget of Kansas City's municipally owned Water, Wastewater and Stormwater utilities.

<b>Sponsor</b>	Councilman Wagner Water Services Department
<b>Programs, Departments, or Groups Affected</b>	Water Services Department
<b>Applicants / Proponents</b>	<b>Applicant</b>  Water Services Department <b>City Department</b> Water Services Department  <b>Other</b>

**Discussion**

Kansas City is committed to providing excellent water services through its water, wastewater, and stormwater utilities that ensure the health and safety of its citizens while safeguarding regional water resources for future generations.

Kansas City has built data-driven and fiscally responsible water utilities that protect the environment and life's most precious resource – water.

Many municipally owned water, wastewater and stormwater utilities in the United States have an appointed advisory board.

Such advisory boards exist to evaluate the utilities' needs for annual rate adjustments to meet the costs and demands associated with delivering service to end users.

The City of Kansas City should reflect best practices with an advisory board having industry expertise to evaluate the cost of service and recommend rates, fees, and charges for water services to the City Council on an annual basis.

Establishing an advisory board would increase transparency and the opportunity for public input in the rate setting process, benefiting the citizens of Kansas City.

This ordinance will amend Chapter 2, Article VI of the Code of Ordinances, entitled "Boards, Commissions, and Committees" by enacting a new Division 21 consisting of Sections 2-970.50 through 2-970+60 "Water Utilities Advisory Board" to review and make recommendations to the City Council and the Water Services Department for services, financial policies, rates, charges, and fees used to support the annual budget of Kansas City's municipally owned Water, Wastewater and Stormwater utilities.

<b>Opponents</b>	<b>Groups or Individuals</b>  None Known <b>Basis of opposition</b>
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<b>Staff Recommendation</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For  <input type="checkbox"/> Against  <b>Reason Against</b>
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<b>Board or Commission Recommendation</b>	<b>By</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> For <input type="checkbox"/> Against <input type="checkbox"/> No action taken  <input type="checkbox"/> For, with revisions or conditions (see details column for conditions)
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<b>Council Committee Actions</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Do pass  <input type="checkbox"/> Do pass (as amended)  <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Sub.  <input type="checkbox"/> Without Recommendation  <input type="checkbox"/> Hold  <input type="checkbox"/> Do not pass
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**Details**

**Is it good for the children?** Yes.

**How will this contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?**

This ordinance reflects best practices of an advisory board with industry expertise and increases transparency and the opportunity for public input in the rate setting process while working to ensure that the clean water needs of future generations are met.

**Policy/Program Impact**

<b>Policy or Program Change</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
<b>Operational Impact Assessment</b>	

**Finances**

<b>Cost &amp; Revenue Projections -- Including Indirect Costs</b>	
<b>Financial Impact</b>	
<b>Fund Source (s) and Appropriation Account Codes</b>	

(Use this space for further discussion, if necessary)

**Applicable Dates:**

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**Reference Numbers**