

Hello.

I live in the Midtown area, and am very concerned about our climate spiraling out of control. It's not a future problem; it is a now problem.

The city council clearly took a position in the climate plan a year ago to reduce carbon emissions in KC. Methane - also known as natural gas - is the fossil fuel that we most need to eliminate from our fuel portfolio. As you probably know, it retains many times more heat than does carbon dioxide for several decades. That means that removing methane from our economy has a big and rapid impact on global heating.

Ordinance 230891 would take us in the opposite direction, towards more reliance on methane. The bill would allow Spire to capture gas produced at city facilities such as landfills and wastewater facilities, and to add that to the gas pipeline. Although on the face of it this seems like a move towards clean energy, it would actually perpetuate our reliance on unnatural methane gas.

The city should not go along with this plan by Spire to keep itself in business. We need to move as quickly as possible away from fracked gas, and that means moving away from gas from local landfills and water treatment plants as well.

Also, this will require construction of new gas facilities, and that would mean higher bills for customers. We should not spend customer funds to keep the gas industry in business.

Thank you, and please vote No on Ord. 230891

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