

# Resolution 260454

*Related to Housing Policy and Concentration of Poverty*

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Neighborhood Planning and Development Committee



# What is resolution is meant to do:

It creates an official policy mechanism for requiring review of where housing related resources and programs are being deployed and whether they are reinforcing existing poverty patterns.

- Require a citywide review before additional housing-related programming deepens existing inequities.
- Look at whether programs are supporting stability without concentrating poverty in already under-resourced neighborhoods.
- Push the City toward balanced investment, mixed-income access, and long-term neighborhood health.

# The concern: location matters

Even well-intended programs can create unintended harm if they are concentrated in the same neighborhoods over and over.

## Immediate need

Kansas City must address homelessness, housing insecurity, and the shortage of affordable units.

## Long-term impact

Policy decisions can affect schools, health, safety, mobility, wealth-building, and neighborhood stability.

## Equity test

The City should ask whether new programs expand access across Kansas City or concentrate need in the same areas.

## What problem does it address?

**When deeply affordable units, emergency placements, or supportive housing resources are concentrated mainly in neighborhoods already facing high poverty and disinvestment, the City may unintentionally reinforce the cycle it is trying to solve.**

The resolution does not reject housing support. It asks the City to evaluate placement, patterns, and policy impacts.

# Legislative intent

The City should meet immediate housing needs while avoiding the further concentration of poverty in historically under-resourced neighborhoods.

- Support housing stability.
- Promote diverse housing access across Council districts.
- Strengthen neighborhood stability instead of overburdening areas already carrying the weight of disinvestment.
- Balance affordable housing investment with broader economic development investment.

# What the City Manager must review

The resolution directs the City Manager to evaluate City housing programs and policies.

## Housing Gateway Program

Review how immediate housing placements and supportive services are being implemented.

## Housing Trust Fund

Review investment patterns for affordable and deeply affordable housing.

## Other City initiatives

Review other City-supported housing efforts for placement, access, and neighborhood impact.

# What the report back must include

The City Manager must return to Council within 90 days.

- Statistics on affordable and deeply affordable rental development patterns.
- Statistics on affordable and deeply affordable rental availability patterns.
- Recommendations to prevent future City policy from concentrating poverty.
- Strategies to interrupt the cycle of concentrated poverty while still meeting urgent housing needs.

# What this resolution is, and is not

## It is

A directive for data, review, and recommendations before the City expands or adjusts housing-related programming in ways that may worsen geographic poverty concentration.

## It is not

A halt to housing assistance, homelessness response, or affordable housing work. It is a safeguard to make sure those efforts are implemented responsibly and equitably.