



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution#: 260610

Submitted Department/Preparer: City Manager's Office

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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Enacting a new Section 68.475, continuing a 3/8 % city bus sales tax for an additional period of 40-years (upon its expiration in 2033) and enacting a new 1/4 cent capital improvement sales tax for 40-years (beginning 1/1/2026) for the purpose of benefiting the City under the guidance of the City Council, pursuant to Sections 94.600 through 94.655 RSMo., providing for the submission of this ordinance to the qualified voters of the city for their approval at the next election date that may be provided by law, authorizing the City Clerk to notify the responsible election authorities of this election; authorizing and directing the City Clerk to notify the Missouri Director of Revenue if the proposal is approved by voters, and recognizing this ordinance to be an emergency measure.

Discussion

Sections 94.600 through 94.655, Revised Statutes of Missouri (RSMo.) authorize a sales tax for transportation purposes of up to 1 /2% and which the proposed ordinance does not exceed. Section 94.575 through 94.577, RSMO. authorize a sales tax for capital improvements for up to 1/2%, and the City currently uses 50% of that authorization for police and safety purposes, leaving a 1/4-cent sales tax available for other capital improvement uses. No sales tax ordinance shall be effective until it is submitted to the qualified voters of Kansas City and approved by a majority of the qualified voters voting. Voters approved (in 2023) extending (for 10-years) a 3/8-cent sales tax for the City's bus system.

A committee of petitioners has submitted an initiative petition seeking to enact an ordinance that would continue an existing sales tax and enact a new sales tax for the purpose of constructing, operating, and maintaining certain capital improvements as more fully described in this ordinance. The City Clerk certified that the petition contains sufficient signatures to engage the City Charter process. The City Clerk made no finding or certification on any other issue concerning the petition or the

legislation proposed in the petition. Section 702 of the City Charter provides that if a petition is found to contain sufficient signatures, the City Clerk "shall certify and submit the ordinance set forth therein to the Council at its next meeting;" and this ordinance proposed by a committee of petitioners is hereby submitted to the City Council by the City Clerk pursuant to Section 702 of the City Charter.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? Yes No
2. What is the funding source?
n/a
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
n/a
4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
n/a
5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
Voter approval will enact a new sales tax.

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. Yes No
2. This fund has a structural imbalance. Yes No
3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. Yes No

Additional Discussion (if needed)

This legislation does not appropriate any funds

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Infrastructure and Accessibility (Press tab after selecting.)

3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

- Engage in thoughtful planning and redesign of existing road networks to ensure safety, access, and mobility of users of all ages and abilities.
- Develop a multimodal regional transportation system for all users.
- Develop environmentally sustainable strategies that improve quality of life and foster economic growth.
- Ensure adequate resources are provided for continued maintenance of existing infrastructure.
- Focus on delivery of safe connections to schools.
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Prior Legislation

none

Service Level Impacts

n/a

Staff Recommendation

Click or tap here to enter department.

Select One: Sponsored
 Directive: Res/Ord # [Click to enter Res/Ord. No.](#)

Select One: Recommend
 Do Not Recommend
 Not Applicable

Click or tap here to provide reasoning.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
unknown

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

n/a

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?

Increased funding for transit services in the city.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?

No (Press tab after selecting)

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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)

Please provide reasoning why not:

Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)