

Beacon Hill-McFeders Community Council
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City of Kansas City
City Finance, Governance and Public Safety Committee
414 E 12th St.
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

Reference: Opposition to Ordinance 220099

Dear Chair Councilwoman Shields,

Beacon Hill McFeders Community Council would like to express our opposition to Ordinance 220099. (The creation of the Eastside Neighborhoods Organization)

The Beacon Hill McFeders Community Council has been in existence since 1974. Kansas City neighborhoods are **overseen by the residents** that live within those boundaries. As a neighborhood leader in Beacon Hill for the past 20 years, I carry the voice of the residents that live in Beacon Hill.

The Ordinance 220099 has no significant purpose for overseeing neighborhoods in the 3rd District. Let's be clear the leadership in the neighborhoods are elected by the residents that live in the neighborhood. The purpose of a neighborhood associations is to advocate with local government, improve neighborhood amenities, and organize activities.

Neighborhood associations are not organized for **other entities to oversee** or make decisions for residents in neighborhoods in which they live. Yes, there are commonalities among neighborhoods, however each one has its own unique history and characteristics.

Ordinance 220099 appears to be one person's agenda, for whatever reason it is unreasonable. In reference to the fiscal note, this organization would not even generate revenue, however has answered yes to expenditures. Expenditures made to who and determined by who?

If this Ordinance is aiming to replicate the NNI than that is something the 3rd District neighborhood leaders should consider and not the city.

We appreciate your consideration in opposing Ordinance #220099 and continue to support 3rd District neighborhoods through city services and relationships we have established with the city.

Best regards,

Dee Evans, President

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