



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250367

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

Amending Chapter 76, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 76-281, 76-284, 76-341, 76-402, 76-422, and 76-423 and enacting lieu thereof new sections of like number and subject matter related to vehicle towing practices; directing the City Manager to develop a Towed Vehicle Owner Bill of Rights, identify online platform for reporting tows Citywide, and coordinate with county partners to address predatory towing, and report back to Council in 30 days.

Discussion

Predatory towing practices, including unlawfully towing vehicles and charging exorbitant fees, are harmful to Kansas Citians and can have a destabilizing effect on victims' finances and transportation. 29% of the total population in Kansas City live in tracts designated Equity Transportation Communities by the Department of Transportation, but 53% of completed tows originate from Equity Transportation Communities. This significantly higher rate of towing in Equity Transportation Communities suggests that some of the City's most vulnerable communities bare a disproportionate burden of predatory towing practices.

The City seeks to effectively improve enforcement against predatory practices by improving coordination between City departments, the Kansas City Police Department, and Jackson County. The City is also committed to holding predatory tow operators accountable by increasing penalties for such operators in violation of City Code. The City Council finds it is necessary to take such measures to protect Kansas Citian from predatory towing practices

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. What is the funding source?

This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?

This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.

This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?

This ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.

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 ordinance has no direct fiscal impact.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)

2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Housing and Healthy Communities (Press tab after selecting.)

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

- ☐ Utilize planning approaches in neighborhoods to reduce blight, ensure sustainable housing, and improve resident wellbeing and cultural diversity.
- ☐ Maintain and increase affordable housing supply to meet the demands of a diverse population.
- ☒ Address the various needs of the City's most vulnerable population by working to reduce disparities.
- ☐ Foster an inclusive environment and regional approach to spur innovative solutions to housing challenges.

- ☐ Ensure all residents have safe, accessible, quality housing by reducing barriers.
- ☐ Protect and promote healthy, active amenities such as parks and trails, play spaces, and green spaces.

Prior Legislation

Click or tap here to list prior, related ordinances/resolutions.

Service Level Impacts

Click or tap here to provide a description of how this ordinance will impact service levels. List any related key performance indicators and impact.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
This will mitigate financial challenges for vulnerable populations.
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

Click or tap here to enter text.

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

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)