

ORDINANCE NO. TMP-6815

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Sponsor: Director of Neighborhood Services Department

Accepting and approving a \$5,000,000.00 award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, through a cooperative agreement, to significantly expand the City’s capacity for food rescue, composting, and organic waste diversion by investing in infrastructure, equipment, and partnerships with local nonprofits and businesses; estimating and appropriating \$5,000,000.00; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency enters a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Kansas City, Office of Environmental Quality to provide financial support in the form of a fixed grant award to fund a program through the Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Grant Program, and

WHEREAS, increasing food rescue and diverting organic waste from the landfill contributes towards the City of Kansas City, Missouri’s efforts to achieve carbon neutrality, food security, and meet additional goals outlined in the Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Food section of the Climate Protection & Resiliency Plan specifically contains Strategy F-2: Improve healthy and sustainable food access and the Waste & Materials section specifically contains Strategy W-2: Divert organic waste from the landfill through composting, and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Agreement between the City of Kansas City, Missouri Office of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency awarded the OEQ a fixed sum of \$5,000,000.00 to expand both food rescue and waste diversion; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY

Section 1. That the revenue in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 is hereby estimated in the following account of the General Grants Fund:

2580-575215-475215-G57EPASWIR26 Environmental Justice Grant \$5,000,000

Section 2. That the sum of \$5,000,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the General Grants Fund to the following accounts:

2580-575215-601100-G57EPASWIR26	Environmental Justice Grant	\$279,664
2580-575215-619080-G57EPASWIR26	Environmental Justice Grant	\$68,838
2580-575215-621100-G57EPASWIR26	Environmental Justice Grant	\$151,498
2580-575215-634950-G57EPASWIR26	Environmental Justice Grant	\$4,500,000

Section 3. That accepting three-year grant funding in the amount of \$5,000,000.00 between the City of Kansas City, Missouri, acting through its Office of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), whereas EPA will provide funding for the Kansas City Organic Waste Improvement Project from March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, through February 28, 2029, for a total grant award amount not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, is hereby accepted and

approved. A copy of the award, in substantial form is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

Section 4. That the Office of Environmental Quality Chief Environmental Officer is hereby designating authority and therefore authorized to expend the sum of \$5,000,000.00 from appropriated funds.

Section 5. That this ordinance is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter in that it appropriates money and shall take effect in accordance with that section.

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I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

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Brenton Siverly  
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Bret Kassen  
Associate City Attorney