

COMPARED VERSION
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO ORIGINAL ORDINANCE

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 260262

Declaring a ~~moratorium~~ until January 15, 2031, on all City approvals for detention facilities, to evaluate the effectiveness of the regional criminal justice ecosystem, and re-evaluate the approval process for detention facilities.

WHEREAS, Kansas City is currently developing new facilities to effectuate criminal justice goals safely, efficiently, and effectively; and

WHEREAS, a period of time to evaluate the effectiveness of these facilities without the introduction of new similar facilities is necessary to accurately determine whether the City needs more or different facilities; and

- WHEREAS, detention facilities ~~planned for development in Kansas City~~ approved by special use permit must currently be approved by the Board of Zoning Adjustment; and

- WHEREAS, the existence and operation of detention facilities significantly impact the health, safety, happiness, and general well-being of residents surrounding such facilities; and

- WHEREAS, the Council is considering whether the approval of the construction or expansion of detention facilities should be determined by the Council rather than an unelected body; and

- WHEREAS, pausing the approval process for the construction or expansion of ~~non-municipal~~ detention facilities is necessary while re-evaluating this approval process; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. ~~That the Mayor and Council hereby declare that there is a moratorium on the issuance of permits, licenses, zoning, and any other approvals allowing the acquisition, construction, facilitation, operation, or expansion of an existing project or initiation of a new project when the application for such approvals was filed on or after January 15, 2026, and where the subject matter of the project is for any purpose relating or incidental to detention, corrections, or other carceral activities, with exceptions for any project deemed necessary by the Council via resolution or ordinance.~~ This moratorium shall not apply to detention facilities approved by a development plan on or before November 13, 2025, or any amendments to such plans, or approvals associated with such plans.

- Section 2. This ~~moratorium~~ shall remain until January 15, 2031.

I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was duly advertised, and public hearings were held.

Secretary, City Plan Commission

Approved as to form:

Sarah Baxter
Senior Associate City Attorney