

ORDINANCE NO. 260444, AS AMENDED

Directing the City Manager to fly a commemorative “America 250” Betsy Ross Flag at the top of City Hall in honor of the 250th anniversary of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the founding of the United States of America, a historic milestone commemorating the nation’s independence, democratic ideals, and enduring commitment to liberty and justice; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City recognizes the importance of celebrating this semiquincentennial anniversary in a manner that reflects civic pride, patriotism, and respect for the nation’s history; and

WHEREAS, the Betsy Ross flag, featuring thirteen stars arranged in a circle, is a widely recognized historic symbol representing the original thirteen colonies and the birth of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President Harry S. Truman, a native Missourian and the 33rd President of the United States, exemplified leadership, public service, and dedication to the nation, and his birthday month provides a meaningful time to begin this commemoration; and

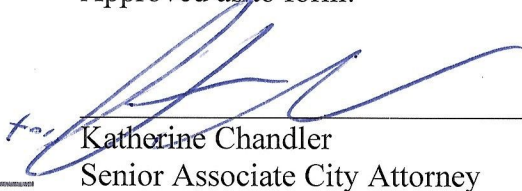
WHEREAS, displaying large commemorative “America 250” Betsy Ross flags from City Hall will serve as a visible and unifying tribute for residents and visitors during this significant national celebration; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to fly a commemorative “America 250” Betsy Ross flag at the top of City Hall.

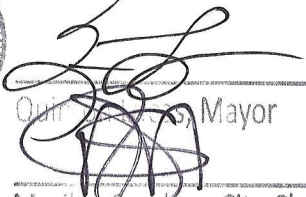
Section 2. That the City Manager is directed to ensure the flag shall be raised for two weeks including the seven days before and the seven days after July 4, 2026.

Approved as to form:


Katherine Chandler
Senior Associate City Attorney



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Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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Date Passed