

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 170984

Establishing the City of Kansas City's legislative major priorities and positions on matters for the 2018 session of the Missouri General Assembly.

WHEREAS, the Missouri General Assembly will convene on January 3, 2018;
and

WHEREAS, the City has engaged in a process to identify its major priorities and positions for the General Assembly; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. **MAJOR PRIORITIES.** That the City adopts the following major priorities on matters that may come before the 2018 session of the Missouri General Assembly:

1. **Preemption.** Oppose any efforts to undermine local control for Kansas City, including any new state requirement or state budget decision that does not include adequate state funding.
2. **Earnings Tax.** Oppose any effort to undermine the Earnings Tax and support the extension of the Earnings Tax renewal period from 5 years to 20 years.
3. **Buck O'Neil Bridge.** Support state funding for the Buck O'Neil Bridge.
4. **Economic Development Incentives.** Support retaining existing state economic development incentives such as chapter 100 bonds, tax increment financing, and historic preservation and low income housing tax credits.
5. **Kansas City Consensus Agenda for Economic Development.** Support the 2018 Kansas City Consensus Agenda for Economic Development.
6. **Discriminatory Laws.** Oppose legislation that would be reasonably viewed as discriminatory toward any citizen of the State of Missouri and harmful to its economy.
7. **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.** Support legislation to create a strong statewide prescription drug monitoring program that will effectively function with county and local efforts and will be similar to those now functioning in every other state and U.S. territory to reduce deaths and serious medical consequences caused by opioid overdoses.
8. **Medicaid Transformation.** Encourage the General Assembly to support expansion and reform of the Missouri HealthNet (Medicaid) program to increase

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health care coverage for the region's most vulnerable populations and reduce costs of uncompensated emergency care to hospital and safety net providers.

9. **Hotel, Motel or Tourist Court Definition.** Support amending Missouri Revised Statutes Section 92.325 to remove the eight room threshold from the definition of hotel, motel or tourist court to align with the current sharing economy.
10. **Enhanced 9-1-1.** Support legislation to authorize fees on wireless communications services and/or prepaid wireless devices to support the 9-1-1 system. The City recognizes the importance of a high quality 9-1-1 system, including the ability to receive and process calls and to dispatch emergency response resources to protect and serve our residents. Any distribution of funding generated through new fees should reflect the City's current and future expenses to further this public safety goal.
11. **Inter-Agency Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team.** Pursue and support legislation establishing an inter-agency domestic violence fatality review team.
12. **Transportation Funding.** Support efforts to raise new revenues to address current and future transportation needs.

Section 2. **POSITIONS.** That the City adopts the following positions on matters that may come before the 2018 session of the Missouri General Assembly:

Finance and Governance

1. **Financial Report Filing Period.** Support legislation that would authorize a longer period of time for the City to file its financial report with the state auditor than such period currently allowed by Title 15 of the Code of State Regulations (Division 40, 3.030(5)). A longer period for filing would reflect the complexity of the financials for the largest city in the state.
2. **Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement.** Support state efforts to pass enabling legislation to enter into a Streamlined Sales and Use Tax Agreement (SSUTA).
3. **Tort Liability.** Support amending Missouri Revised Statutes Section 84.330 to eliminate the City's liability for the torts of KCPD police officers.
4. **Sunshine Law.** Support amending Missouri Revised Statutes Section 610.021 by adding a new exception to the Sunshine Law which would protect individually identifiable account information from disclosure.

Neighborhoods & Healthy Communities

Kansas City Health Commission. Support the 2018 Kansas City Health Commission's Legislative Priorities.

Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

1. **Film Rebate Program.** Support reinstating the Missouri Film rebate program as a tool for economic development.
2. **Division of Tourism.** Support increased funding of the Missouri Division of Tourism.

Public Safety

Safe Parks and Public Spaces. Support efforts that maintain and promote safe parks and public spaces for all our citizens.

Section 3. **OTHER ORGANIZATIONS' PRIORITIES AND POSITIONS.** That the City supports the legislative positions adopted by the Kansas City Industrial Council, Kansas City Health Commission, Mid-America Regional Council, Missouri and Associated Rivers Coalition, reStart, South Kansas City Alliance and VisitKC for the 2018 session of the General Assembly.



Authorized as Passed



City James, Mayor



Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

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