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Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage, as it relates to the development of a public improvement and is therefore recognized as having an accelerated effective date pursuant to Section 503(a)(3)(D) of the City Charter.

Approved as to form:

Emalea Black

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Associate City Attorney



Authenticated as Passed

Quinton Lucas
Quinton Lucas, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders
Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

JAN 09 2025

Date Passed

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO 241004

Authorizing the City Manager to execute a pre-development agreement with Evergy, Inc., for the development of a solar photovoltaic project on Kansas City International Airport property and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, has a commitment to reducing carbon emissions and enhancing air quality for its residents and visitors through sustainable energy initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a reliable, resilient energy supply through a solar array that can support future regional growth, located on approximately 2,000 acres within the Kansas City International Airport; and

WHEREAS, a solar project could provide up to 500 megawatts of electricity, aligning with the City's Climate Protection & Resilience Plan and its goal to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Evergy, Inc., through its proposal, has been identified as offering the greatest potential benefit for the Kansas City region in developing this solar project; and

WHEREAS, the City and Evergy, Inc. seek to enter into a pre-development agreement to initiate engineering, design, permitting, and regulatory compliance activities essential to the project's completion; and

WHEREAS, the City and Evergy, Inc. anticipate further agreements, including a Ground Lease, Lease Option, and final development agreements, to solidify long-term commitments to the project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that this pre-development agreement will serve as a foundational step to achieve the City's renewable energy and environmental goals; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a pre-development agreement with Evergy, Inc., substantially in the form attached to this ordinance and on file in the City Manager's Office, to establish the initial terms, conditions, and obligations required for the proposed solar photovoltaic project at the Kansas City International Airport.