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Mayor and City Council:

I am writing you today to state my opinion of the proposed Ordinance by Councilman O'Neill. I'm glad to see someone come forward with a plan that makes sense. I know several contractors and Civil engineering firms that refuse to work in Kansas City due to the needless delays and time constraints with the Plan Review and Permitting process.

I was a City Councilman in Liberty Mo in the early 2,000s for 12 years so I understand the problems staff members and Council people have to deal with. I was on an HBA committee in the late 90s to try to improve the Permitting Process in Kansas City. The only thing that happened from the City's side was a very extensive flow chart that no one can understand. Permitting in Kansas City steadily continues to deteriorate and should be a concern to any city employee or anyone in City management. I've had a Residential Plumbing company specializing in New Construction, and a Real Estate Development firm in Kansa City for over 54 years and every City I have worked in has better system than Kansas City, including Cities in several other states.

Builders, Carpenters, Plumbers, Electricians, Engineers and numerous other trades are running out of work in KC due to these needless delays. The current building permit problem is going to affect cash flow for your city for years to come. No Residential Building Permits were issued for over 110 days with the new building code requirements that are being implemented currently. All of these trades pay permit fees and business tax on work they do in Kansas city. You've lost a third of a year revenue from new construction already.

I am writing to support the ordinance as introduced by Councilmember Kevin O'Neill (Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 230741). This Ordinance makes sense since these two departments are ultimately responsible for the continued maintenance for these types of improvements. I believe that these two departments lead with a public/private partnership cooperative attitude and believe that continued growth and development of Kansas City is good for all of us. Please feel free to contact me anytime with questions or concerns.

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