



# Ord. 240292: Sam's Town Casino



**This ordinance seeks to ascertain whether Sam's Town Casino is an asset the city might procure to serve the homeless population.**

This ordinance also asks for an allocation of \$100,000 for the creation of **implementation plan**, which will inform every detail related to operations.

**Knowing that, allow us to create a vision of what might be possible.**

# Background

**Through unanimous adoption of the Zero KC Plan, the City has an expressed goal to end homelessness.**

**Creating a continuum of services is an important component of a homeless serving system.**

**The 2023-2024 Cold Weather Shelter system sheltered 1,705 unduplicated individuals. Outside of cold weather season, Kansas City has no low barrier option.**

**HUD ranked Kansas City last in the country at sheltering the chronically homeless population in 2022 and 2023.**

# Homeless Service Center

With operator engagement and support, Sam's Town could be a service-enriched center supporting unsheltered individuals.

Its large size (236,881 square feet) could allow it to support multiple populations

- This is important because women & children need separate facilities from adult men, for example

It's connected to working water and power infrastructure, and it's been well maintained.

It could support an array of centralized services.

The benefits of a homeless service center reach both the unhoused population and broader community.

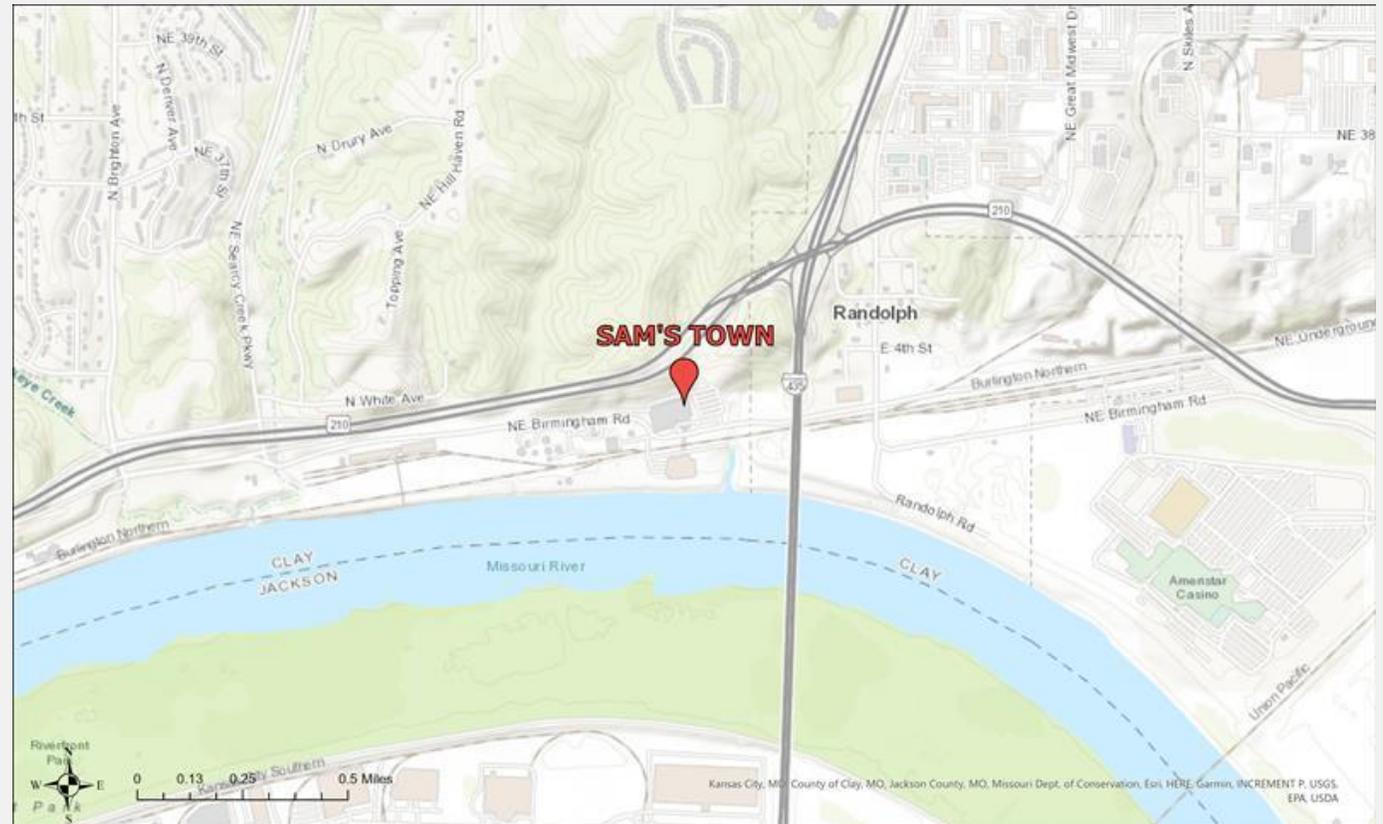


# Common services offered in Homeless Service Centers nationwide include:

- Emergency Shelter Beds
- Transitional Living
  - Re-entry
  - Substance use beds
  - Safe Haven Beds
- Case Management
- Job Creation
  - Cleanup KC Expansion
  - Industrial Laundry
  - Commercial Kitchen
  - Cosmetology
- Medical Support
- Operator led initiatives

# Where is Sam's Town?

- Located southwest of the I-435 and Highway 210 interchange
- 2.34 acres
- 2nd District



# Community Benefits

*Successful Homeless Service Centers nationwide offer services to the entire community as well as the those utilizing housing services, such as:*

- Kennel Services (i.e. KC Pet Project satellite)
- Job training
- Health & Dental clinics
- Child care services
- Litter clean up teams ensuring neighborhood is free of litter
- Street Outreach teams maintaining an open pipeline to service