COMPARE VERSION
COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE TO ORIGINAL RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 250887

Directing the City Manager to review and recommend updates to Chapter 88, the Zoning and Development Code of Kansas City, Missouri in order to improve development processes and align them with current best practices.

WHEREAS, the City's zoning and development framework plays a critical role in shaping growth, attracting investment, ensuring housing opportunities, and protecting neighborhood character; and

WHEREAS, since the adoption of the Zoning and Development Code, Kansas City has experienced significant changes in population, housing demand, infrastructure needs, and development trends that require modernized processes to keep pace; and

WHEREAS, updating the City's development processes can improve efficiency, transparency, predictability, and responsiveness to the needs of residents, businesses, and developers; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive review of Chapter 88 is necessary to ensure alignment with the City's long-term goals, including housing affordability, neighborhood stabilization, equitable economic development, sustainability, and resilience; ~~NOW, THEREFORE,~~and

WHEREAS, as part of the Chapter 88 review, the City Council seeks to evaluate how data centers are classified and ensure future projects meet clear community, sustainability, and infrastructure standards; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to conduct a comprehensive review of the City's Zoning and Development Code with a focus on identifying areas where development processes can be streamlined, clarified, or modernized. In conducting his review, the City Manager shall:

a) Engage stakeholders, including neighborhood associations, development professionals, housing advocates, and business leaders to gather input on current challenges and opportunities for improvement;

b) Review best practices from peer cities to identify approaches that promote housing diversity, equitable growth, and high-quality development outcomes;

c) Provide interim updates to the Council's Neighborhood, Planning and Development Committee to ensure transparency and opportunities for Council input throughout the review process;

d) Prepare recommendations for updates and improvements to Chapter 88, including draft ordinance language as appropriate, and present recommendations to the City Council within 180 days.

Section 2. That the City Manager's review shall include reviewing requirements for data centers to provide annual reporting on energy and water consumption and its impact on local infrastructure.