City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260858
Submitted Department/Preparer: Law
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Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in Administrative Regulation (AR) 4-1.

Executive Summary

Calling an election on April 6, 2027, for the purpose of submitting to the voters of Kansas City a question of whether to enact an ordinance that prohibits City officers, agents, and employees from implementing, advancing, furthering, or fostering a plan to design or construct certain stadiums or arenas without the approval of a majority of voters and providing for penalties for violations thereof; directing the City Clerk to provide notice of the election; enacting the ordinance contingent upon voter approval; and recognizing an accelerated effective date.

Discussion

The Notice of Election shall read as follows: NOTICE OF ELECTION CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI. Notice is given to the qualified voters of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, that the City Council of the City has called a special election to be held in the City on April 6, 2027, commencing at 6:00 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M., on the question contained in the following sample ballot: OFFICIAL BALLOT CITY OF KANSAS CITY GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION APRIL 6, 2027 QUESTION ___ SHALL THE FOLLOWING BE APPROVED? Shall the City adopt an ordinance that prohibits City officers, agents, and employees from implementing, advancing, furthering, or fostering any plan to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue, unless the plan is first submitted to and approved by a majority of the voters voting on it, and providing a penalty of five hundred dollars ($500.00) per day for each violation? ___ For the Ordinance ___ Against the Ordinance. Instructions to voters will be supplied by the election authorities.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. What is the funding source?
   This legislation has no additional fiscal impact as April 6th, 2027 is the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   This legislation has no additional fiscal impact as April 6th, 2027 is the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
   No

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
   No

Office of Management and Budget Review
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. This fund has a structural imbalance. ☐ Yes ☒ No

3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. ☐ Yes ☒ No

Additional Discussion (if needed)
This legislation has no additional fiscal impact as April 6th, 2027 is the next regularly scheduled municipal election.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan

2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
   Finance and Governance (Press tab after selecting.)

3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

   ☐ Ensure City Government is responsive, representative, engaged, and transparent; particularly when faced with unforeseen challenges.

- ☐ Operate an efficient City government workforce through effective employee recruitment, development, retention, and engagement.
- ☐ Present a realistic view of financial indicators for improved communications on impact to the City.
- ☐
- ☐
- ☐

Prior Legislation

Ordinance No. 260609

Service Level Impacts

Unknown.

Staff Recommendation

Law Department

Select One: ☒ Sponsored
☐ Directive: Res/Ord # Click to enter Res/Ord. No.

Select One: ☐ Recommend
☐ Do Not Recommend
☒ Not Applicable

No recommendation. This is an ordinance prepared by the Law Department at the directive of the council. The original substance of the ballot language comes from a related ordinance sponsored by committee of petitioners and presented to the City Council pursuant to Charter Sec. 701 et seq.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
   N/A

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?

N/A

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
   N/A

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
   No (Press tab after selecting)

   Click or tap here to enter text.
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5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

   No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)
   Please provide reasoning why not:
   Click or tap here to enter text.

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

   No(Press tab after selecting)

   Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
   No(Press tab after selecting)