



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 240572

Sponsor: Councilmember Melissa Patterson Hazley

Directing the City Manager to negotiate and enter into a contract with a non-profit organization to improve the efficiency, affordability, and durability of homes in disinvested neighborhoods.

Held until 7/23/2024

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted the Climate Action Plan in 2022 and expressed its desire to improve the energy efficiency of existing homes; and

WHEREAS, home improvements can increase comfort, reduce utility costs, and ensure homes can withstand the anticipated effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, home improvements have also been shown to improve indoor air quality and thermal comfort, improving resident health and reducing healthcare expenses; and

WHEREAS, together, these benefits can improve the affordability of homes; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to improve the efficiency, affordability, and durability of homes in disinvested neighborhoods in Kansas City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to identify a suitable non-profit organization and enter into a contract with said organization in an amount not to exceed \$500,000.00 for the purposes of improving the efficiency, affordability, and durability of existing homes in historically disinvested communities. Said contract shall include the following provisions requiring the non-profit organization to:

- (a) Facilitate energy efficiency improvements such as furnace, insulation, roof replacement or other strategies that reduces energy consumption;
- (b) Develop and implement a community-wide education initiative on the importance and benefits of energy efficiency;
- (c) Collaborate with locally owned rehab companies and home building materials suppliers
- (d) Reduce natural gas system leakage where feasible;
- (e) Prioritize owner occupied homes with household incomes not in excess of \$60,000.00 or on a fixed income in areas with a high heat index, minimal tree canopy coverage;

(f) Develop and implement a plan with community partners to improve not less than 50 homes per year that meet these criteria

(g) Track and report household HERS scores before and after improvements.

Section 2. That the sum of \$500,000.00 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Balance of the Shared Success Fund to the following account:

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Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby designated as requisitioning authority for Account No.

Section 4. That this ordinance is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter in that it appropriates money, and shall take effect in accordance with that section.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

Tammy L. Queen
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

Joseph A. Guarino
Senior Associate City Attorney