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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 220273

Directing the City Manager to study the feasibility of establishing hygiene facilities in the City for people experiencing homelessness, report back to the Council in 60 days and wait to take any further action pending Council authorization.

WHEREAS, individuals experiencing homelessness in Kansas City need accessible services and facilities for their basic hygiene needs; and

WHEREAS, the lack of shower and laundry facilities can be a barrier for individuals experiencing homelessness seeking or attempting to maintain employment; and

WHEREAS, hygiene facilities specifically designed for individuals experiencing homelessness have been established in other cities in the United States, such as Seattle, Washington, and Oahu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, providing access to essential hygiene services through the establishment of hygiene facilities would improve the self-sufficiency of individuals and families experiencing homelessness and improve public health in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the feasibility study should include examining various types of hygiene facilities, such as permanent locations (City-owned facilities like community centers or facilities established with other private organizations) or mobile facilities; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2022, the Health Commission voted to recommend this resolution to the City Council; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is directed to study the feasibility of establishing hygiene facilities for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Section 2. That the scope of the City Manager's study will include, but not be limited to, the viability of providing City funding or City-owned property for the establishment of hygiene facilities, how to collaborate with homeless service providers, nonprofit organizations and advocacy groups for the operation and staffing of such a facility, the cost of acquiring and running hygiene facilities, the possible locations, the number of people needing hygiene services, and how existing resources could be used to establish hygiene facilities for individuals and families experiencing homeless.

Section 3. That the City Manager is hereby directed to develop and submit to the Council its findings and recommendations within sixty (60) days of the passage of this resolution.

Section 4. That the City Manager shall not take any action involving hygiene facilities or the results of the feasibility study without further Council authorization.
