



Legislation Text

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 220776

Sponsor: Director of General Services Department

Amending Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances, by enacting Section 2-886, dispensing with the requirement that certain improvements erected or to be erected upon land belonging to the City be approved by the Municipal Art Commission.

WHEREAS, Section 1137 of the City Charter provides that the City Council may dispense of the requirement that arches, bridges, structures and approaches which are the property of any corporation or individual and which extend upon any street, avenue, highway, park or property belonging to the City be approved by the Municipal Art Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Art Commission is charged with additional powers and duties as the principal advisory arm of the City in matters of design and visual elements of major public buildings, structures, and art objects and in matters of promoting, fostering and encouraging cultural activities of all kinds, including the fine arts and performing arts; and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Art Commission wishes that the Council dispense with the Commission's approval of certain structures encroaching upon City property so that the Commission may focus its attention on those powers and duties stated above; and

WHEREAS, the City Planning Department, pursuant to Section 18-25 of the City's Code, is delegated with the authority to review and approve encroachments onto City property;

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby amended by enacting Section 2-886, to read as follows:

Sec. 2-886. Commercial Encroachments.

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this division, and pursuant to Article XI of the Charter, projecting signs with a face area not exceeding twelve square feet, bike racks, awnings, balconies, fire escapes, retaining walls, patios, accessibility ramps, and any doors which shall extend upon any street, avenue, highway, park or property belonging to the City shall not be subject to the approval of the Municipal Art Commission.

(b) *Exception.* Bike racks that are works of art according to the definition established in Article XI of the Charter.

Approved as to form and legality:

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