



Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION NO. 260070

Sponsor(s): Mayor Quinton Lucas and Councilmember Melissa Patterson Hazley

RESOLUTION - Directing the City Manager to evaluate reconstitution of a redevelopment authority for the Historic 18th and Vine Jazz District to support investment, consistent leasing activity, and collaboration with City economic development entities for City-owned properties.

WHEREAS, Kansas City has established a productive redevelopment authority that has successfully supported the growth and redevelopment of the River Market through the Planned Industrial Expansion Authority, which provides professional expertise and oversight for ongoing development activities in that district; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City has had previous iterations of redevelopment authorities at the Historic 18th and Vine Jazz District, demonstrating a history of institutional support for this culturally significant area; and

WHEREAS, the Historic 18th and Vine Jazz District represents a vital cultural and economic asset to Kansas City, with ongoing development needs that would benefit from dedicated professional expertise and coordinated oversight; and

WHEREAS, while processes for managing City-owned leasing spaces in the district currently exist, formalizing these processes through a dedicated redevelopment authority structure would provide more consistent guidance; and

WHEREAS, a reconstituted redevelopment authority could provide consistent guidance on leasing, operational matters, and investment opportunities while fostering collaboration among various stakeholders in the district; and

WHEREAS, coordination with existing City economic development entities, including the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City (EDC) and Port KC, would enhance the effectiveness of any reconstituted authority and leverage available resources and expertise; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby directed to evaluate the reconstitution of a redevelopment authority for the Historic 18th and Vine Jazz District, including but not limited to:

- (a) Assessment of the organizational structure and composition, using the River Market model as a reference point while adapting to the unique needs of the 18th and Vine District;
- (b) Analysis of the authority's role in formalizing existing processes for City-owned storefronts,

- supporting investment activities, consistent leasing practices, and operational oversight;
- (c) Identification of opportunities for collaboration with City economic development entities, including the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City and Port KC;
 - (d) Review of best practices from the River Market redevelopment authority and other successful models; and
 - (e) Recommendations regarding funding mechanisms, staffing, and operational parameters.

Section 2. That the City Manager shall report findings and recommendations to the City Council within 90 days.
