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ORDINANCE NO. 260724, AS AMENDED

Sponsor: Councilmember Wesley Rogers

Repealing Ordinance No. 260667, As Amended; appropriating up to $500,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Housing Trust Fund, Fund No. 2490 from funds previously appropriated for conducting emergency repairs to 135 N. Lawn Avenue, 132 N. Lawn Avenue, and/or 148 N. Lawn Avenue pursuant to such aforementioned ordinance; directing the City Manager to continue to exercise discretion provided under City Code to address conditions at these properties that violate such Code and threaten public safety, including but not limited to considering any and all applicable enforcement measures available under the Code and exploring an agreement with the new owner of such properties to repair or otherwise remedy such violations while obtaining sufficient representations and warranties, including but not limited to tenant relocation and return rights as allowed by law from the new owner and assuring compliance with the Tenant's Bill of Rights, and that permit City to abate any such conditions and secure protections necessary for the City to recover its costs therefor; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, on July 23, 2026, the Council passed Ordinance No. 260667, As Amended, which, in part, directed the City Manager to exercise his discretion consistent with the Code by investigating and potentially pursuing City Code enforcement to address conditions that may present immediate, emergency risks to public safety at three residential properties in the City where tenants apparently still reside, 135 N. Lawn Avenue, 132 N. Lawn Avenue and 148 N. Lawn Avenue, and included a $500,000 appropriation from the Housing Trust Fund to fund potential City repair of such conditions that the City Manager deemed warranted and feasible; and

WHEREAS, the City has taken enforcement actions toward these properties, which have since been conveyed to a new owner, and the Council deems it appropriate to repeal such prior ordinance and clarify the City Manager's broad discretion to address any safety risks consistent with the Code, including the City Manager's ability to work with the new owner to determine Code compliance, triage violations in terms of public health and safety, seek compliance on an agreeable schedule and/or exercise the extent of the City's enforcement powers under the Code; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Ordinance No. 260667, As Amended, is hereby repealed.

Section 2. Waiving the requirements of Section 2-1693(d) and appropriating the sum of up to $500,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Housing Trust Fund to the following account for the purpose of providing funding to carry out the intents and scope of this ordinance:

27-2490-572333-B	Neighborhood Strategic Remediation	$500,000.00

Section 3. Directing the City Manager to continue to exercise discretion provided under City Code to

address conditions at 135 N. Lawn Avenue, 132 N. Lawn Avenue, and/or 148 N. Lawn Avenue that violate such Code and threaten public safety, including but not limited to considering the pursuit of applicable enforcement measures available under the Code and/or seeking voluntary compliance by exploring an agreement with the new owner of such properties to repair or otherwise remedy such violations while obtaining sufficient representations and warranties, including but not limited to tenant relocation and return rights as allowed by law from the new owner and assuring compliance with the Tenant's Bill of Rights, and that permit City to abate any such conditions and secure protections necessary for the City to recover its costs therefor.

Section 4. That the Director of Neighborhoods is designated as requisitioning authority for Account No. 27-2490-572333-B.

Section 5. That this ordinance, relating to the appropriation of money, is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter 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 forgoing 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.

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Brenton Siverly
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Bret Kassen
Associate City Attorney

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