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ORDINANCE NO. 260865, AS AMENDED

Sponsor: Mayor Pro Tem Ryana Parks-Shaw
AS AMENDED

Authorizing the City Manager to negotiate and execute a 1-year contract renewal with Child Care Aware of Missouri, Kids Win Missouri, TOOTRIS, and the Mid-America Regional Council in an amount not to exceed $3,000,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the tri-share childcare pilot program for families of eligible first responders.

NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEE recommends "Advance and Do Pass, Debate."

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 250855 established a one-year childcare pilot program in partnership with the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 250968 directed the City Manager to engage Child Care Aware of Missouri, Kids Win Missouri, and TOOTRIS to administer the pilot program; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 260317 previously appropriated $3,000,000.00 to support the pilot childcare program; and

WHEREAS, due to implementation and program start-up timing, the pilot program operated from February through June of 2026, providing approximately five months of active program operations; and

WHEREAS, during that limited operating period, the pilot program helped 78 first responders obtain care for their children; and

WHEREAS, the limited pilot period does not provide sufficient timing to fully evaluate enrollment, utilization, provider capacity, employee recruitment and retention outcomes, and the program's overall effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to extend the pilot program for an additional one-year period, using matching state funds, to allow adequate time for implementation, participation, and evaluation; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Manager is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a 1-year contract renewal with Child Care Aware of Missouri, Kids Win Missouri, TOOTRIS and the Mid-America Regional Council using funds previously appropriated in Account No. 27-1000-141800-B in an amount not to exceed

$3,000,000.00 for the continued operation of a tri-share childcare pilot program for families of eligible first responders. Further, the City Manager shall negotiate additional terms providing for the use of City funds for expanded applicability of the tri-share childcare pilot program for all applicable City employees, subject to state legal requirements.

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.

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Brenton Siverly
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

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Samuel Miller
Associate City Attorney

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