



March 16, 2021

Mayor Quinton Lucas and  
Members of the City Council  
KCMO City Hall  
414 E. 12th Street, Kansas City, MO 64106

Dear Mayor Lucas and Members of the City Council:

KC Tenants wishes to submit the following letter in **support** of the proposed legislation to decriminalize walking and biking in Kansas City.

**We support this measure as a step to limit the over-policing of Black and Brown people in Kansas City.** The measures targeted in this legislation, including jaywalking, dirty tires, and bike inspection, do nothing to actually make our streets safer for people who walk or bike. It doesn't make sense for us to allow these measures to remain in place, especially if there is no evidence they protect the people who fall under their scope.

**Many KC Tenants leaders do not have cars.** We get to work, pick up our children, and buy our groceries on foot, by bike, or by public transit. Archaic laws which criminalize everyday activities of your poor and working class neighbors furthers the idea that our wellbeing is not a priority. Passing Ordinance 210100 would be one step in the right direction to ensure that we can feel safe in our city, free to live our lives and take care of our families without the fear of being stopped and fined by an officer for doing just that.

**In conclusion, KC Tenants stands with BikeWalkKC and other organizations across the metro to support the adoption of this measure and asks the City Council to do the same.**

Thank you,

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