Section 1. That the discharge of the special tax bills, including the costs of tax collection, accrued interest and attorneys' fees up to $11,000.00 and waiver of the resulting liens on the Property is hereby approved.

Section 2. That the City Manager is hereby directed to effectuate the discharge of the special tax bills and waiver of the aforementioned liens on the Property.

Approved as to form:

Bret Kassen
Associate City Attorney

Authenticated as Passed

Quinton Lucas, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

JUL 24 2025

Date Passed

File #: 250564

ORDINANCE NO. 250564

Approving and authorizing the discharge of the special tax bills and waiver of the resulting liens on the real property commonly known as 2015 Spruce Avenue.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Kansas City Code Sec. 48-66, the City issued special assessment tax bills for the costs of three (3) board up abatements and two (2) trash and weeds abatements City performed at 2015 Spruce Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri (the "Property") between 2019-2024; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City Code Sec. 48-66 provides that City's issuance of such special tax bills creates both a personal debt against the owner(s) of the property at the time the City abated such nuisances and a lien on the property until paid; and

WHEREAS, as of June 27, 2025, the total cost of the aforementioned special tax bills, including the costs of tax collection, accrued interest and attorneys' fees, was $10,188.16; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City Code Sec. 48-83 provides that "the discharge of all or any portion of the special tax bills and the waiver of the resulting lien, pursuant to this section, shall be made only upon a determination that a public benefit will be gained by doing so" after review by the City's Lien Waiver Review Committee, "in accordance with the procedures and standards established by the city manager[,]" who has promulgated Administrate Regulation ("AR") 7-3 to more specifically govern the committee's handling of such waiver requests; and

WHEREAS, the discharge of all or any portion of special tax bills pursuant to Kansas City Code Sec. 48-83 "will not constitute a discharge of all or any portion of the personal debt" owed to City by owner(s) of the property at the time of abatement; and

WHEREAS, Kansas City Code Sec. 48-83 provides that the City Manager may "discharge all or any portion of the special tax bills for an amount exceeding $5,000.00, including the costs of tax collection, accrued interest and attorneys' fees, only after the council has authorized such action by ordinance;" and

WHEREAS, the City's Lien Waiver Review Committee met on June 23, 2025, and, in accordance with AR 7-3, found that a public benefit would result from the discharge and waiver of the resulting liens against the Property and, accordingly, now recommends that City Council discharge and waive such liens up to the amount of $11,000.00; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY: