



City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260340

Submitted Department/Preparer: Police

Revised 01/30/25

Docket memos are required on all ordinances initiated by a Department Director. More information can be found in [Administrative Regulation \(AR\) 4-1](#).

Executive Summary

Mayor Quinton Lucas Reducing appropriations in the amount of \$5,900,000.00 from the Legal Expense Fund; appropriating \$5,900,000.00 from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Legal Expense Fund as a transfer to the Kansas City Police Department for legal settlement expenses; designating requisitioning authority; and establishing an effective date.

Discussion

This ordinance authorizes the transfer of \$5.9 million of previously appropriated funds within the City's Legal Expense Fund to support the Kansas City Police Department's anticipated legal settlement obligations. Specifically, it reduces an existing appropriation for indemnities and awards and transfers an equivalent amount from the unappropriated fund balance to the Police Department's Legal Expense Fund to ensure sufficient resources are available to resolve claims and settlements. The ordinance also designates the appropriate requisitioning authorities for both the City and the Police Department to ensure proper oversight and administration of the funds. The transfer and associated appropriations are structured to take effect on May 1, 2026, aligning funding availability with projected legal expense needs.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. What is the funding source?
7010 - City Legal Expense Fund
3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
Provides requisition authority for Police to pay legal settlements.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.

N/A

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?

N/A

Office of Management and Budget Review

(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

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| 1. This legislation is supported by the general fund. | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 2. This fund has a structural imbalance. | ☐ Yes | ☒ No |
| 3. Account string has been verified/confirmed. | ☒ Yes | ☐ No |

Additional Discussion (if needed)

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Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the [Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan](#)
2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
Public Safety (Press tab after selecting.)
3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):
 - ☐ Engage the community and community partners to focus on evidence-based approaches to public safety.
 - ☐ Focus on violence prevention among all age groups, placing an emphasis on youth.
 - ☒ Increase fairness, justice, and responsiveness of our municipal criminal justice system to support the best possible outcome for offenders and victims of crime.
 - ☐ Reduce recidivism through prevention, deterrence, including detention, and re-entry services.
 - ☐
 - ☐

Prior Legislation

N/A

Service Level Impacts

N/A

Staff Recommendation

Police Department

Select One: ☒ Sponsored
☐ Directive: Res/Ord # [Click to enter Res/Ord. No.](#)

Select One: ☒ Recommend
☐ Do Not Recommend
☐ Not Applicable

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Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
N/A
2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
N/A
3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
N/A
4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
Please Select (Press tab after selecting)

N/A
N/A

5. Department staff certifies the submission of any application Affirmative Action Plans or Certificates of Compliance, Contractor Utilization Plans (CUPs), and Letters of Intent to Subcontract (LOIs) to CREO prior to, or simultaneously with, the legislation entry request in Legistar.

Please Select (Press tab after selecting)

N/A

6. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from an Invitation for Bid?

No(Press tab after selecting)

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7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?

No(Press tab after selecting)