City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250395
Submitted Department/Preparer: Law
Revised 6/10/24

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

Amending Chapter 50, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 50-161, Loitering, and enacting in lieu thereof a new section of like number and subject matter titled, Obstructing reasonable movement of traffic.

Discussion

This ordinance amends Chapter 50, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 50-161, Loitering, by making it unlawful for any person to: stand or otherwise position themselves in any public place in such manner so as to obstruct, impede, interfere with, hinder or delay the reasonable movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic; or the reasonably free use of property or business lawfully conducted by anyone in or upon or facing or fronting on any such public place or building.

Fiscal Impact

1. Is this legislation included in the adopted budget? ☐ Yes ☒ No

2. What is the funding source?
   N/A

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   No fiscal impact in the current fiscal year.

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
   No fiscal impact in future fiscal years.

5. Does the legislation generate revenue, leverage outside funding, or deliver a return on investment?
   No

Office of Management and Budget Review
(OMB Staff will complete this section.)

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)
No account string to verify.

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 reimagine the system of public safety with a focus on evidence-based approaches for crime prevention, treatment of mental health, emergency response time, and the criminal justice system.
   ☐ 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.
   ☐ Enhance employee recruitment, succession planning, and retention in the police and fire departments with a continued emphasis on diversity.
   ☐

Prior Legislation

-140433 (passed 7/10/2014): revised Sec. 50-161 to its current form;
-220276 (did not pass): proposed similar changes as this legislation

Service Level Impacts

No anticipated impacts.

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
   This legislation addresses behavior that obstructs, hinders, or delays the reasonable movement of vehicular or pedestrian traffic to prevent hazardous conditions, reduce accidents, and maintain public order, while protecting expression, clarifying the nature of the prohibited conduct and ensuring that no person will be found guilty of a violation of this section without being given a reasonable opportunity to comply with a police or other law enforcement officer.

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?
   This legislation recognizes that the reasonable movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic is essential to public safety and promotes the accessibility of public streets, sidewalks, and thoroughfares for pedestrians, vehicles, and emergency services, while ensuring that public spaces remain open for lawful public discourse.

4. Does this legislation create or preserve new housing units?
   No (Press tab after selecting)

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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.

   No - CREO's review is not applicable (Press tab after selecting)
   Please provide reasoning why not:
   Click or tap here to enter text.

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

   No(Press tab after selecting)

   Click or tap here to enter text.

7. Does this legislation seek to approve a contract resulting from a Request for Proposal/Qualification (RFP/Q)?
   No(Press tab after selecting)