City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 250673
Submitted Department/Preparer: Public Works
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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 64, Article V, by adding new subsections to Sections 64-168, 64-170, and 64-171 of the Code of Ordinances for the purpose of establishing a temporary moratorium on annual permit fees for sidewalk cafes, parklets, and street cafes; and directing the City Manager to provide an annual report to the Council related to the program.

Discussion

The City of Kansas City recognizes the vital contribution of small businesses - particularly in the food and beverage sector - to the city's economic strength, neighborhood character, and cultural diversity. Access to outdoor dining spaces is essential for many restaurants seeking to expand their operations, improve customer experience, and increase revenue. The current combined annual permit fees for Street Cafés, Sidewalk Cafés, and Parklets, totaling eight hundred fifty dollars ($850.00), can present a financial barrier for small businesses, particularly those in historically under-resourced or lower-income districts.

The City has successfully funded two rounds of the Outdoor Dining Enhancements grant program, investing $300,000.00 and supporting 32 restaurants citywide, demonstrating both the need for and benefit of expanded outdoor dining options. This temporary fee elimination is consistent with the City's economic development goals and represents a targeted investment in small business recovery and growth that will generate increased economic activity and tax revenue.

Fiscal Impact

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

2. What is the funding source?
   Street Maintenance Fund 2060-892080-455090 $64,069.00

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   The ordinance stops charging annual permit fees for sidewalk cafés, parklets, and street cafés beginning September 1, 2025

4. Does the legislation have a fiscal impact in future fiscal years? Please notate the difference between one-time and recurring costs.
   This legislation will stop the collection of permit fees for sidewalk cafes, parklets, and street cafés for for three 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)
Based on the last three years of revenue from Sidewalk Café permits there is an anticipated loss of an average of $45,000 in revenue for the Street Maintenance Fund per year.

Citywide Business Plan (CWBP) Impact

1. View the Adopted 2025-2029 Citywide Business Plan

2. Which CWBP goal is most impacted by this legislation?
   Inclusive Growth and Development (Press tab after selecting.)

3. Which objectives are impacted by this legislation (select all that apply):

   ☒ Align the City's economic development strategies with the objectives of the City Council to ensure attention on areas traditionally underserved by economic development and redevelopment efforts.
   ☒ Ensure quality, lasting development of new growth.

- ☒ Increase and support local workforce development and minority, women, and locally owned businesses.
- ☒ Create a solutions-oriented culture to foster a more welcoming business environment.
- ☐ Leverage existing institutional assets to maintain and grow Kansas City's position as an economic hub in the Central United States.
- ☐

Prior Legislation

Click or tap here to list prior, related ordinances/resolutions.

Service Level Impacts

Improve the experience for the resident via uutdoor dining

Other Impacts

1. What will be the potential health impacts to any affected groups?
   Promote improve quality of life

2. How have those groups been engaged and involved in the development of this ordinance?
   Small businesses have been involved during the development of the Ordinance

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
   Long term maintenance of this infrastructure could promote more walking and outdoor dining.

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

   Click or tap here to enter text.
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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)