City of Kansas City, Missouri

Docket Memo

Ordinance/Resolution #: 260055
Submitted Department/Preparer: Public Works
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 Code of Ordinances, Section 70-39 pertaining to the authority of the Public Works Director to close sidewalks by repealing said section and enacting in lieu thereof a new section of like number and subject matter

Discussion

The City seeks to protect public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring continuous and accessible pedestrian movement during construction and maintenance activities. Unapproved or prolonged sidewalk closures create hazards for pedestrians, including children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities, and increase risks related to traffic conflicts and limited visibility. Maintaining safe pedestrian routes contributes to the orderly use of the public right of way and supports broader community mobility goals.

Existing regulations do not sufficiently deter unauthorized sidewalk closures or unsafe alternative pathways, which affects resident safety and neighborhood walkability. Updated enforcement measures and defined penalties will help ensure that any sidewalk closure is carefully managed in a way that prioritizes pedestrian safety and preserves accessible travel routes.

Fiscal Impact

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

2. What is the funding source?
   NA

3. How does the legislation affect the current fiscal year?
   NA

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

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)
Not applicable because there is 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?
   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

Improving broader community mobility on sidewalks.

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?
   Click or tap here to enter text.

3. How does this legislation contribute to a sustainable Kansas City?
   Maintaining safe pedestrian routes contributes to the orderly use of the public right of way and supports broader community mobility

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)