COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR ORDINANCE NO. 250592

Accepting a $250,000.00 Capacity Building Grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to provide administrative support for KC BizCare's Storefront Vacancy Program, in partnership with the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City.

WHEREAS, the City of Kansas City is committed to supporting small business development and commercial corridor revitalization through innovative programs and strategic partnerships, with the goal of providing access to opportunities that allow residents to improve their lives and achieve financial stability, upward mobility and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, through its KC BizCare Office, and in partnership with the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City (EDCKC), the City established the Small Business Storefront Vacancy Revitalization Program, pursuant to Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 250436, to address long-standing commercial vacancies and support small business owners, particularly those from underrepresented communities; and

WHEREAS, the Small Business Storefront Vacancy Revitalization Program seeks to revitalize commercial corridors by activating vacant storefronts with eligible small business owners and providing technical assistance and matchmaking program support services to ensure their long-term success; and

WHEREAS, the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation has awarded an additional $250,000.00 grant to the City, in partnership with the EDCKC, to support the implementation and oversight of the Small Business Storefront Vacancy Revitalization Program; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the Director of Neighborhood Services is authorized to accept and transfer a $250,000.00 grant from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to support administrative costs for the Small Business Storefront Vacancy Revitalization Program.

Section 2. That the Director of Neighborhood Services is authorized to execute a grant agreement with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation to govern the administration of the grant. A copy of the grant agreement is on file with the Director of the Neighborhood Services Department.

Section 3. That the revenue in the following account of the General Grants Fund is estimated in the following amount:

26-2580-570001-480070-G57KAUFF25B	Kauffman Foundation Grant	$250,000.00

Section 4. That $250,000.00 is appropriated to the following account:

26-2580-575206-619080-G57KAUFF25B	Kauffman Foundation Grant	$250,000.00

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Section 5. That the Director of Neighborhood Services is authorized as requisitioning authority for 26-2580-575206-619080-G57KAUFF25B.

Section 6. That the Director of Neighborhood Services is authorized to increase the contract amount with the Economic Development Corporation of Kansas City for the Small Business Storefront Vacancy Revitalization Program, previously authorized in Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 250436, in the amount of $250,000 for a total contract amount of $1,650,000.00, subject to the other parameters outlined in Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 250436.

Section 7. That this ordinance is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(C) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with that section.

I hereby certify that there is a balance, otherwise unencumbered, to the credit of the appropriation to which the foregoing expenditure is to be charged, and a cash balance, otherwise unencumbered, in the treasury, to the credit of the fund from which payment is to be made, each sufficient to meet the obligation hereby incurred.

Tammy L. Queen
Director of Finance

Approved as to form:

Bret Kassen
Associate City Attorney

Authenticated as Passed

Quinton Lucas, Mayor

Marilyn Sanders, City Clerk

JUL 31 2025

Date Passed