



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 230742

Sponsor: Mayor Quinton Lucas

Amending Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances of Kansas City, Missouri, Article XIV, Budgetary and Financial Policies, Division 1, Financial Planning Policies, by repealing Section 2-1957, Capital asset rating system, and enacting a new Section 2-1957 in lieu thereof relating to the Capital Asset Rating System and City-wide Funding of Infrastructure Projects.

WHEREAS, Committee Substitute for Resolution No. 160951 stated the City Council's intention regarding the use of up to \$800 million in general obligation bond proceeds and directed the City Manager to annually include in the City's five-year business plan a recommendation on the amount of bonds to issue each year and specific projects to be funded; and

WHEREAS, in a Special Election called on April 4, 2017, the voters of the City of Kansas City, Missouri approved the issuance of general obligation bonds for Question 1 to be used for funding Streets, Bridges, and Sidewalks, Question 2 to be used for Flood Control and Question 3 to be used for Public Buildings in a total amount up to \$800 million to be issued over the course of 20 years; and

WHEREAS, in order to extend the life of the bond program, it is essential to level out spending over the next fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, capital infrastructure can have a significant effect or improvement on the quality of life of the City's neighborhoods by providing fair, transparent, and equitable services; and

WHEREAS, without world class infrastructure the City's economic prosperity, sustainability, equity and community health is at risk; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has a desire to ensure citywide-funded capital improvement projects are fairly assessed through a rating system to evaluate the impact such projects will have, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, Article XIV, Budgetary and Financial Policies, Division 1, Financial Planning Policies, Section 2-1957, Capital asset rating system, is hereby amended by repealing existing Section 2-1957 and enacting in lieu thereof a new Section 2-1957 to read as follows:

Sec. 2-1957. Capital asset rating system.

(a) *Definitions.*

- (1) As used in this section, “project” shall mean any infrastructure project that receives funding from a City Department or a codified quasi-governmental agency, special district, board, commission, or committee responsible for disbursing citywide funds for infrastructure improvements.

(b) *Policy.*

- (1) Establishing a policy for assigning a numerical score to citywide-funded capital projects as part of the annual capital improvements budgeting process. It is the intent of the City Council that all citywide-funded projects shall be evaluated based on the criteria set forth within this Section and that projects with high numerical scores shall be prioritized. If a quasi-governmental agency, special district, board, commission, or committee responsible for disbursing funds for infrastructure projects has not developed a numerical scoring system, it is the intent of the City Council that such body shall consider the criteria set forth herein to evaluate any recommendation or decision related to infrastructure projects.

- (2) The citywide funded capital scoring criteria will include, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- a. *Condition.* The project improves the existing condition, reliability and longevity of an asset and its ability to meet the basic level of service it provides. The project will avoid the potential failure of the asset due to substandard conditions.
- b. *Safety.* The project will reduce potential hazards to the public and/or employees.
- c. *Equity.* The project will improve an asset in the neighborhoods and for residents that have been historically and institutionally under-served, including low income and predominantly minority census tracts and zip codes.
- d. *Sustainability.* The project will implement portions of any environmental sustainability plan adopted by the city.
- e. *Use.* A determination of how many people and/or jobs will be positively impacted by the project.
- f. *Project readiness and leverage.* Project timing and ability to leverage outside funding.
- g. *Economic activity and community investment.* Project will improve access to activity and economic centers; or was requested by the community via the public improvements advisory committee process; or is located within one-half mile of an affordable housing development

(c) *Asset categories.* To ensure that comparison is conducted between similar types of projects, the capital improvement program projects shall be separated by asset type and/or predominate funding source. Project categories shall include the following asset categories:

- (1) *Business type activity assets.*

- a. Stormwater.
 - b. Water.
 - c. Sewer.
- (2) *Mobility assets.*
- a. Roadways.
 - b. Bicycle facilities.
 - c. Bridges.
 - d. Sidewalks.
 - e. ADA improvements.
- (3) City buildings, including but not limited to operational facilities, community centers, convention facilities.
- (4) Park amenities and cultural assets, including park structures, pools, sports complexes, fountains, trees, cultural facilities.
- (5) Street and pedestrian lighting and traffic and pedestrian signals.

(d) *Authority.* The authority to annually recommend a scored and prioritized list of capital projects to the city council for adoption is hereby delegated to the finance department as part of the annual submission of the five-year financial plan.

Approved as to form:

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