



Legislation Text

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ORDINANCE NO. 230568

Sponsor(s): Mayor Quinton Lucas and Councilmember Ryana Parks-Shaw

Approving implementation of a Kansas City Municipal Identification Card Program, or “Fountain Card” Program, to be managed by the Health Department; authorizing the Director of Health to formulate rules and regulations for the municipal identification program; appropriating monies; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, the City Council passed Resolution No. 230230 that directed the City Manager to create a municipal identification program and report back to the Council within 90 days on any regulatory changes or funding needed to effectuate the program; and

WHEREAS, a municipal identification program can cultivate increased sense of belonging and community across a city and can make it easier for residents to access municipal and regional services where identification or proof of residency may be required, including solid waste drop-offs, water services, prescription drug discounts, community centers, public transit, and libraries; and

WHEREAS, as directed in the resolution, the Health Department worked with departments and agencies such as the Public Works Department, the Kansas City Public Library, the Mid-Continent Library and others to create an initial “Municipal ID Framework” that includes procedures and guidelines for the municipal identification card program, including a list of acceptable documentation for identification and residency; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has obtained an agreement with a local banking institution, WeDevelopment Credit Union, to allow the Fountain Card to be used as identification to open a bank account; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department will continue to evaluate and expand other possible opportunities for local services and agencies that will accept the Fountain Card as proof of identification; and

WHEREAS, the City will continue to pursue additional opportunities to increase accessibility of government-issued identification, including State-issued driver’s licenses; and

WHEREAS, Fountain Cards will be available to anyone of any age; and

WHEREAS, Fountain Cards will be issued at the Kansas City Health Department, within the same division that issues birth certificates; and

WHEREAS, the current anticipated cost of this program is \$251,829.80, which will cover necessary staffing, supplies and equipment and will allow the City to offer each identification card for free; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Council approves implementation of a Kansas City Municipal Identification Card Program to be managed by the Health Department.

Section 2. That the Director of Health is authorized to formulate rules and regulations for implementing the provisions of this ordinance to include the application process, benefits, and guidelines for the issuance of a Kansas City Municipal ID or "Fountain Card."

Section 3. That the sum of \$251,829.80 is hereby appropriated from the Unappropriated Fund Balance of the Health Levy Fund to the following account:

24-2330-503332-A	Municipal ID	\$221,954.40
24-2330-503332-C	Municipal ID	<u>29,875.40</u>
	TOTAL	\$251,829.80

Section 4. That the Director of Health is hereby designated as the requisitioning authority for this allocation to the Municipal ID account.

Section 5. 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 as it appropriates monies and shall take effect in accordance with Section 503 of the City Charter.

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:

Joseph A. Guarino
Senior Associate City Attorney