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ORDINANCE NO. 230954

Sponsor: City Manager

Amending Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 2-115 relating to open meetings and records pursuant to the Sunshine Law and enacting in lieu thereof one new section of like number and subject.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby amended by repealing Section 2-115 relating to open meetings and records pursuant to the Sunshine Law and enacting in lieu thereof one new section of like number and subject, to read as follows:

**Sec. 2-115. Open meetings and records.**

(a) *Terms to have same meanings as in Missouri Sunshine Law.* For purposes of this section, the terms "closed record," "public record," and "public governmental body" shall have the same meaning as defined in the Missouri Sunshine Law, Chapter 610. RSMo

(b) *Policy.* It is the policy of the city that the city's public records, and the meetings, votes, actions and deliberations of the city's public governmental bodies, are open to the public unless otherwise provided by law. All public records authorized to be closed under the Missouri Sunshine Law or any other law are closed records. Meetings, votes, actions and deliberations of the city's public governmental bodies may be closed as authorized under the Missouri Sunshine Law or any other law.

(c) *Public meetings.* Unless otherwise approved by the city manager or mayor, in compliance with Missouri Sunshine Law requirements, all public governmental bodies shall give at least 24 hours' notice (exclusive of weekends and holidays) of the time, date and place of each meeting, and its tentative agenda. All notices must be submitted to the city clerk's office as soon as feasible but not later than 24 hours prior to the meeting. The city clerk will give the notice required.

(d) *City custodian of records.* The City Records Request Commissioner shall be the sole custodian of the public records of the city, including all of its departments, offices, boards, commissions, committees, and other public governmental bodies of the city. The City Records Request Commissioner is not the custodian of records for any other political subdivision of the state or any separate corporation.

(e) In no event shall this ordinance be construed to enlarge the city's obligations with respect to public records requests beyond that which is required by state law.

Approved as to form:

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