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[COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR] ORDINANCE NO. 240695

Sponsor: Councilperson Melissa Robinson

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

Calling an election on April 8, 2025, for the purpose of renewing a one-quarter cent capital improvement - public safety sales tax for 20 years; setting forth the ballot language to be used; directing the City Clerk to provide notice of election; amending Chapter 68, Article VII, Code of Ordinances by enacting a new Section 68-447.5 contingent upon voter approval; directing the City Clerk to provide notice to the Director of Revenue if the sales tax question is passed by the voters; declaring the intent of the City Council to maintain the currently imposed capital improvement - public safety sales tax through its current expiration of June 30, 2026; and recognizing this ordinance as having an accelerated effective date.

WHEREAS, in an election held on November 2, 2010, the qualified voters of the City previously approved the extension of a sales tax authorized by Section 94.577, RSMo., to expire on June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The City Council hereby declares its intent to maintain the currently imposed sales tax in Code of Ordinances Section 68-447 through June 30, 2026, and, that if approved by the voters, the tax described in Section 5 shall be imposed in accordance with that section thereafter; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That an election is called on April 8, 2025 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of Kansas City, Missouri the question of renewing a capital improvement sales tax authorized by Section 94.577, Revised Statutes of Missouri.

Section 2. The ballot title for the sales tax proposition shall be:

QUESTION ____
SHALL THE FOLLOWING BE APPROVED?

Shall the City of Kansas City continue to impose a sales tax authorized by Section 94.577 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for a period of 20 years at a rate of 1/4% to be used for police, emergency medical services and emergency management associated with administering public safety within Kansas City, including the construction, operation, and maintenance of capital improvements, which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized indebtedness or to repay bonds not yet issued?

This sales tax would continue the existing sales tax authorized by Section 94.577 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.

Section 3. The Notice of Election shall read as follows:

NOTICE OF ELECTION

CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Notice is given to the qualified voters of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, that the City Council has called a special election to be held in the City on April 8, 2025, commencing at 6:00 A.M. and closing at 7:00 P.M., on the question contained in the following sample ballot:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

GENERAL ELECTION APRIL 8, 2025

QUESTION NO. _____

Capital Improvements Sales Tax - Public Safety

Shall the City of Kansas City continue to impose a sales tax authorized by Section 94.577 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri for a period of 20 years at a rate of 1/4% to be used for police, emergency medical services and emergency management associated with administering public safety within Kansas City, including the construction, operation, and maintenance of capital improvements, which may include the retirement of debt under previously authorized indebtedness or to repay bonds not yet issued?

This sales tax would continue the existing sales tax authorized by Section 94.577 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri and scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026.

YES _____

NO _____

Instructions to voters will be supplied by the election authorities.

A complete copy of Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 240695, (as it may be amended) submitting this question to the electorate is on file in the Office of the City Clerk of Kansas City, Missouri, and is open for inspection and copying.

The election will be held at the following polling places in the City of Kansas City, Missouri: [insert list in last publication only]

I hereby certify that the foregoing is the legal notice to be published pursuant to Section 115.127, Revised Statutes of Missouri, as amended.

Given under my hand and the official seal of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, this _____ day of _____

_____, 20____.

(SEAL)

Marilyn Sanders
City Clerk of Kansas City, Missouri

Before me, a notary public, personally appeared Marilyn Sanders, to me known to be the City Clerk of Kansas City, Missouri, and the person who acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes therein stated.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

Section 4. That following the passage of this ordinance, the City Clerk shall deliver certified copies of this ordinance and notice of election to the Clerk of Cass County, Board of Election Commissioners of Clay County, Board of Election Commissioners of Kansas City, and Board of Election Commissioners of Platte County, not later than January 28, 2025, which shall be the authority of each election authority of the City to submit the amendment to the electors of Kansas City and to give public notice as provided by law.

Section 5. That upon voter approval of the ballot question described in Sections 2 and 3 of this Ordinance, Code of Ordinances Chapter 68, Article VII, entitled "Sales Taxes," shall be amended by enacting a new section 68-447.5 to read as follows:

Sec 68-447.5. Imposition of tax (Public Safety 2026)

Pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Section 94.577, RSMo., a tax for the benefit of the city is hereby imposed upon all sellers for the privilege of engaging in the business of selling tangible personal property or rendering taxable services at retail to the extent and in the manner provided in Sections 144.010-144.525, RSMo., and the rules and regulations of the director of revenue issued pursuant thereto. The rate of tax shall be 1/4 percent on the receipts from the sale at retail of all tangible personal property or taxable services at retail within the city, if such property and such services are subject to taxation by the state under the provisions of Sections 144.010-144.525, RSMo. The tax shall become effective on July 1, 2026 for a period of twenty (20) years and shall apply to all sales made after June 30, 2026, and shall be collected as provided in Section 94.577, RSMo.

Section 6. If approved by the voters, the City Clerk shall, in accordance with Section 32.087, RSMo., and at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the tax imposed pursuant to Section 68-447 of the Code of Ordinances, forward to the Missouri Director of Revenue by United States registered or certified mail, a certified copy of this ordinance together with certifications of the election returns accompanied by a map of the City clearly showing its boundaries.

Section 7. The City Council hereby declares its intent to maintain the currently imposed sales tax in Code of Ordinances Section 68-447 through June 30, 2026, and, that if approved by the voters, the tax described in Section 5 shall be imposed in accordance with that section thereafter.

Section 8. That this ordinance, calling for an election and providing for the submission of a proposal to the people of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date within the meaning of Section 503(a)(3)(A) of the Charter, and as such shall become effective immediately following approval by the Mayor or five days after passage if no action is taken by the Mayor to approve or veto the ordinance.

Approved as to form:

Samuel Miller
Assistant City Attorney