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**PETITION FOR INITIATIVE TO ENACT RESTRICTIONS ON PLANS TO DESIGN OR CONSTRUCT, WITH MATERIAL SUPPORT FROM THE CITY, A STADIUM, ARENA, OR SIMILAR VENUE, WITH A SEATING CAPACITY OF 2,500 OR MORE, FOR USE BY A FOR-PROFIT BUSINESS, OR ANCILLARY DEVELOPMENT OR CERTAIN NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

To: Mayor and Council of Kansas City, Missouri  
 The Honorable Marilyn Sanders  
 City Clerk of Kansas City, Missouri  
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THE UNDERSIGNED, being lawfully registered voters of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, request that Chapter 74, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, be amended by enacting a new Section 74-401, prohibiting City officers, agents, and employees from implementing, advancing, furthering, or fostering any plan to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or certain necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue, except by ordinance submitted to and approved by the voters, and recognizing an accelerated effective date, and including a severability clause. A copy of the proposed ordinance is attached. Each of the undersigned agrees that the PETITION may be filed in counterparts, without the presentation of other signed counterparts to those who signed below.

The following five electors of the City, as the Committee of Petitioners, shall be regarded as FILING THE petition: Terrence Wise, 4125 Monroe Ave. Kansas City, MO 64130; Francie Marion, 1318 E. 89th St. Apt. 2E Kansas City, MO 64131; Tamika Smith, 1324 E. 89th St. Apt. 2N Kansas City, MO 64131; Melissa Douds, 3209 Brighton Ave. Kansas City, MO 64128; Jaeda Roth, 3424 N. Chippewa Dr. Kansas City, MO 64116.

STATE OF MISSOURI            )  
   ) SS  
 COUNTY OF JACKSON        )

I, \_\_\_\_\_, being first duly sworn, under oath state that the following named persons, to wit:  
 (circulator's printed name)

Printed Name	Registered Voting Address (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code)	Date Signed	Signature
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signed the foregoing petition paper, and each of them signed his or her name thereto in my presence. I believe that each has stated his or her name and address correctly, has signed the petition only once, and that each signer is a registered voter of Kansas City, Missouri.

Subscribed and sworn before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

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 (Circulator's signature)

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 (NOTARY PUBLIC)

[SEAL]

## ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 74, Code of Ordinances, by enacting a new Section 74-401, prohibiting City officers, agents, and employees from implementing, advancing, furthering, or fostering any plan to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or certain necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue, except by ordinance submitted to and approved by the voters; and, recognizing this Ordinance as having an accelerated effective date; and, including a severability clause.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI:

Section 1. That Chapter 74, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, is hereby amended by enacting a new Section 74-401, prohibiting City officers, agents, and employees from implementing, advancing, furthering, or fostering any plan to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or certain necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue, except by ordinance submitted to and approved by the voters, to read as follows:

**Sec. 74-401. Plans to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or certain necessary infrastructure support.**

(a) Except as provided in this Section, any and all City officers, agents, and employees are prohibited from in any way implementing, advancing, furthering, or fostering any plan to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue.

(b) For any city officer, agent, or employee to implement, advance, further, or foster any plan to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue, that plan must first by ordinance be submitted to the voters in an election and be approved by a majority of voters in that election. The City Council shall submit an ordinance for that purpose to the voters at the next available municipal or state election held not less than thirty (30) days after such submission by the Council for which the City can lawfully provide required notices to the election authorities without seeking a court order.

(c) Any person who violates this Section shall be guilty of an ordinance violation, punishable by a fine of five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Each day on which a violation of this Section occurs shall be a separate and distinct violation.

(d) The restrictions, obligations, and prohibitions of this Section do not apply to any plan to design or construct, exclusively with private, federal, state, and/or county funding, and not

with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue.

(e) For purposes of this Section,

(i) “For-profit business” includes a for-profit corporation, limited liability company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, sole proprietorship, joint venture, and any other organization with an objective of making a profit or generating income such as for owners, investors, shareholders, and/or members.

(ii) “Material support from the City” includes funds from the General Fund or any other Fund, bonds issued by the City (directly or through a conduit issuer), tax revenues, frozen tax rates, tax exemptions, tax abatements, and any other benefit or incentive from the City to encourage development. “Material support from the City” also includes support, backing, assistance, or provision through, by, or involving the sale, lease, gift, conveyance, or other disposal of any real property owned by the City or any agency or instrumentality of the City which is principally used or held out for use as a park.

(iii) “Necessary infrastructure support” includes construction of new streets, expansion of streets, parking facilities, and parking garages, but does not include pedestrian bridges, transportation access, bike lanes, utility upgrades, traffic improvements, and similar projects.

(f) This section does not prohibit the planning necessary to operate existing city infrastructure and city parks or to appropriately make a decision to seek voter approval for a plan to design or construct, with material support from the City, a stadium, arena, or similar venue, with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more, for use by a for-profit business, or ancillary development or necessary infrastructure support for that stadium, arena, or similar venue.

(g) This section shall not be interpreted, applied, or enforced so as to violate any rights under, or to conflict with, the City Charter, state law, the state constitution, federal law, or the federal constitution.

Section 2. That this Ordinance, relating to the design, repair, maintenance or construction of a public improvement, is recognized as an ordinance with an accelerated effective date as provided by Section 503(a)(3)(D) of the City Charter and shall take effect in accordance with that section.

Section 3. That the provisions of this Ordinance are severable. In the event any provision of this Ordinance (including any phrase, sentence, paragraph, subsection, or section) is determined to be invalid, the remaining provisions shall not be affected thereby.