RESOLUTION NO. 9171

A RESOLUTION introduced by Council Member Christina Valdivia-Alcala reducing the salaries of the Mayor and Councilmembers.

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor declared a State of Disaster Emergency for the State of Kansas as a result of the pandemic known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Shawnee County, Kansas declared a State of Local Disaster Emergency within the county; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Governing Body of the City of Topeka followed suit and declared a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of the Shawnee County Health Officer and Governor Kelly’s executive orders prohibiting gatherings of ten or more people and requiring people to stay at home, numerous retail businesses that generate significant sales tax revenue have closed or significantly modified their operations; and

WHEREAS, as a significant portion of the City’s general fund comes from sales tax revenue, the City will have to make adjustments in its budget in order to provide the services expected by City residents, including, but not limited to, reducing employee salaries; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Councilmembers are willing to assist in this effort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA:

Section 1. The Mayor’s current salary of $40,000 per year is reduced to $37,600, starting the pay period beginning May 2, 2020.
Section 2. Each Council member’s current salary of $20,000 per year is reduced to $18,800, starting the pay period beginning May 2, 2020.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and shall remain in effect through the pay period ending December 11, 2020.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on April 21, 2020.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk