RESOLUTION NO. 9257

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Brent Trout temporarily suspending until January 5, 2022 certain Governing Body Rules

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 9232 which suspended certain Governing Body Rules as a result of the pandemic expires on September 8, 2021; and

WHEREAS, in recognition that the renovation of the Council Chambers is not complete; and

WHEREAS, meeting capacity in the Holliday Building is limited; and

WHEREAS, the Shawnee County Health Officer has issued recommendations to mitigate the impact of Covid-19 and, specifically, the Delta variant in the community; and

WHEREAS, those recommendations including wearing a face covering indoors in situations where physical distancing cannot be achieved and limiting indoor events to no more than 50% of room capacity in order to maintain physical distancing, regardless of vaccination status; and

WHEREAS, it is of vital importance to do everything possible to reduce the spread of the Delta variant and protect the health and safety of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the following GB Rules are suspended through January 5, 2022, unless earlier reinstated by the Governing Body:

2. GB Rule 2.10 (Television Coverage)

3. GB Rule 3.1 (Meetings in Council Chambers)

4. GB Rule 5.5(b) (Public Comment (Sign-Up)

5. GB Rule 5.5(c) (Public Comment (Specific Agenda Items)

6. GB Rule 5.5(d) (Public Comment (General)

7. GB Rule 7.3(b) (Manner of Voting)

8. GB Rule 8.6 (Committee Meetings)

9. GB Rule 8.14 Television Coverage (Committee Meetings)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

1. Members of the Governing Body may remotely attend, participate, and vote in meetings that may be conducted telephonically or by videoconference.

2. Members of the Governing Body who intend to participate remotely ("Remote Participant") shall provide reasonable notice to the City Manager to allow time for necessary preparation. A Remote Participant must be capable of fully participating in the meeting and must be able to communicate with all other members of the body, staff, and others at the meeting.

3. Remote participants will be considered present and in attendance, and may cast votes. When roll is called, the Remote Participant will be noted as 'participating remotely' and the minutes will reflect if and when Remote Participants leave the meeting.

4. All meetings held remotely are subject to the Kansas Open Meetings Act.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on September 7, 2021.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk