RESOLUTION NO. 9276

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, relating to the City of Topeka’s legislative agenda for the 2022 legislative session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the following is hereby adopted as the City of Topeka’s legislative agenda for the 2022 legislative session:

- **League of Kansas Municipalities.** Support the League of Kansas Municipalities 2022 Statement of Municipal Policy to the extent the Policy is consistent with the City’s priorities and agenda, including opposing legislation limiting the City’s Home Rule authority.

- **Docking Building.** Support the renovation of the Docking State Office Building and work with the State to preserve items of historic value, to the extent possible.

- **Kansas Department of Health & Environment (KDHE) Lab.** Support location of the KDHE Lab within City limits.

- **Local Control.** Support protection of municipal interests, including local control over the services the City provides.

- **Exemptions/Waiver; Property Taxes.** Oppose bills that seek to exempt/waive property taxes for some businesses at the expense of the tax base as a whole on the basis of competition.

- **Sales Tax.** Support efforts to eliminate the state portion of sales tax but any modification of the City’s portion of the food sales tax should belong to the Governing Body.

- **Broadband.** Support efforts that invest in broadband.
• **Menninger Property.** Support efforts to secure state funding for projects to redevelop Menninger Hill.

• **Taxpayers.** Monitor proposed legislation addressing a taxpayer bill of rights.

• **Abandoned Housing.** Monitor legislative activities regarding abandoned housing.

• **Countywide Retailers’ Sales Tax.** Oppose changes to the allocation formula for countywide retailers’ sales tax.

• **ARPA/IIJA.** Seek opportunities for program and project funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and the Federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), including the Polk-Quincy Viaduct project.

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

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor