

RESOLUTION NO. 9579

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Spencer Duncan on behalf of the citizens of Topeka urging all taxing entities, including the State of Kansas and City of Topeka, to keep mill levies at the lowest possible rates.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Topeka are facing rising costs including property taxes and inflation; and

WHEREAS, fair appraisal processes are essential to alleviate the burden on property owners within the city; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the State of Kansas to take immediate action to address this pressing issue; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka urges the State of Kansas to update the appraisal process to ease the uncertainty of valuations; and

WHEREAS, property taxes are assessed by multiple government entities in Shawnee County including the County, School Districts, the State of Kansas, a public library, Washburn University, the Airport Authority, the Transit Authority, and the City; and

WHEREAS, it is crucial for all taxing entities to recognize the enormous impact property taxes have on homeowners and take steps to mitigate this impact.

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

1. The City of Topeka asks the State of Kansas to undertake a comprehensive examination of and update the appraisal process to be fair and equitable.

2. The City of Topeka asks all taxing entities to acknowledge the strain placed on homeowners by property tax rates, and work during their budget processes to keep mill levies at the lowest possible rates. This includes the City of Topeka.

