

ORDINANCE NO. 100150

Enacting a new Section 2-1953, Code of Ordinances, entitled "Passage of tax levy ordinances" to provide an alternate date for passage of the annual tax levy ordinances from the fourth Monday in March to March 31.

WHEREAS, Section 805(g) of the City Charter provides that "Whenever practicable, ordinances fixing the tax levies shall be passed at the time the annual appropriation ordinance is passed, but no later than the fourth Monday in March"; and

WHEREAS, Section 805(i) of the City Charter adds that "The Council may change the dates for the . . . passage of the annual appropriation and tax levy ordinances" so long as the ordinances are passed not later than 30 days before the beginning of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year begins on May 1 of each year, therefore the annual appropriation and tax levy ordinances must be adopted no later than March 31; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That a new Section 2-1953, code of ordinances, entitled "Passage of tax levy ordinances" is enacted to read as follows:

Sec. 2-1953. Passage of tax levy ordinances.

(a) *Authority to establish date.* This ordinance is adopted pursuant to the authority granted the City Council by section 805(i) of the City Charter which authorizes the establishment of new dates by which the various acts necessary to prepare, consider, and adopt an annual budget and the necessary appropriation and tax levy ordinances may be modified from the default procedures of the City Charter.

(b) *Intent of ordinance.* It is the intent of this ordinance to change the default deadline for the passage of tax levy ordinances from the fourth Monday in March to the last day of March.

(c) *Passage of tax levy ordinances.* The annual tax levy ordinances shall be passed not later than March 31 of each year.

Approved as to form and legality:

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