

RESOLUTION NO. 190022

Adopting the Five Year Housing Policy for the City of Kansas City, Missouri.

WHEREAS, for decades, the City's affordable housing program has relied on funds from the federal government, which funds are unfortunately depleting; and

WHEREAS, the need for safe and healthy affordable housing is ever present in our City; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 170825, adopted November 9, 2017, directed the City Manager to provide information on the overall state of housing policy at the federal, state and local levels and based on this information, develop a local five-year policy; and

WHEREAS, the five-year policy was to include, but not be limited to, integrating the Five Year Consolidated Plan, One Year Action Plan and federal funding; integrating existing Area Plans; identifying current and new funding mechanisms; rehabilitating existing housing stock; developing or maintaining a relationship with private rehabilitation contractors; and determining the role of Community Development Corporations in the execution of the housing policy; and

WHEREAS, City leaders and staff, along with community stakeholders, met for several months to develop a Five Year Housing Policy ("Policy") which sets forth the goals of five Bold Ideas which include:

- Create/preserve 5,000 additional single family and multifamily housing units by December 2023;
- Create a \$75 million catalytic housing development (trust) fund to create and preserve units;
- Support non-profit and private developers with resources, less burdensome regulations and appropriate incentives;
- Recognize that housing is essential for stronger and vibrant neighborhoods and the housing policy must emphasize holistic revitalization, promote mixed-income development and help existing homeowners and first buyers live and remain in their homes;
- Create a Tenant/Landlord University to model best practices to improve tenant/landlord relationships; and

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WHEREAS, the City solicited public comments in several meetings, both within City Hall and in the community, to further craft a Policy that accomplishes the goals of the Council pursuant to the Citywide Business Plan as well as for the community at large; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby approve and adopt the Five Year Housing Policy for the City of Kansas City, Missouri for the purpose of promoting, preserving and creating permanent and long-term affordable housing for very low, low and moderate income households and maintaining the rich legacy and diversity of our neighborhoods.
