

RESOLUTION NO. 110069

Expressing the Council's support for the concept of "Livable Streets" as a means to promote great neighborhoods, healthy and active people, and a thriving community.

WHEREAS, active living is a way of life that integrates physical activity into daily routines, and the goal of active living is to accumulate at least 30 minutes of activity each day; and

WHEREAS, active living promotes walking and bicycling for transportation, recreation and physical activity; and

WHEREAS, streets and sidewalks are an important part of our community that serve transportation needs and are also a part of the public realm where people live, shop, interact, and travel; and

WHEREAS, the built environment influences residents' choices to be physically active and may be designed to provide a variety of opportunities for physical activity; and

WHEREAS, "Livable Streets" safely facilitate movement of people of all ages and abilities from destination to destination along and across a continuous travel network; and

WHEREAS, the design of each Livable Street differs based on the context of each street; and

WHEREAS, a "Livable Street" is safe and inviting to pedestrians, bicyclists, transit riders, the disabled, children, senior citizens, automobiles, motorcycles and buses; and

WHEREAS, Livable Streets can be beautiful places built to pedestrian scale; and

WHEREAS, a Livable Street can be the focal point of tight-knit communities where neighbors enjoy spending time; and

WHEREAS, Livable Streets are environmentally sustainable; and

WHEREAS, Livable Streets are economically thriving; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Kansas City is committed to providing safe and livable neighborhoods for residents to build community and be physically active.

Section 2. That Kansas City supports the concept of Livable Streets as a means to promote great neighborhoods, healthy and active people, and a thriving community.

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Section 3. That the Livable Streets concept is consistent and complies with the City's efforts to develop a bike and pedestrian friendly, multi-modal and sustainable community, promoted in several City initiatives including the FOCUS Kansas City Plan, adopted under Committee Substitute for Resolution No. 971268 on October 30, 1997; the Bike KC Plan, adopted under Committee Substitute for Ordinance No. 011288 on August 15, 2002; the Walkability Plan, adopted under Resolution No. 030211 on March 20, 2003; the Green Solutions Policy, adopted under Resolution No. 070830 on August 9, 2007; the Climate Protection Plan, adopted under Resolution No. 080754 on July 24, 2008; the Trails KC Plan, adopted under Ordinance No. 081052 on November 20, 2008; and the Zoning and Development Code, adopted under Ordinance No. 100394 on June 10, 2010.

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