

ORDINANCE NO. 070722

Amending Chapter 2, Article VI, Code of Ordinances, by repealing Section 2-970.5, Kansas City Global Trade Commission, and enacting in its place a new Section 2-970.5 to rename the commission, to increase the number of commission members, and to redefine the functions of the commission.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That Chapter 2, Article VI, Code of Ordinances of the City of Kansas City, Missouri, entitled "Boards, Commissions and Committees," is hereby amended by repealing Section 2-970.5, Kansas City Global Trade Commission, and enacting in its place a new Section 2-970.5, to read as follows:

DIVISION 14: KANSAS CITY GLOBAL COMMISSION

Sec. 2-970.5 Kansas City Global Commission

(a) *Purpose.* The Kansas City Global Commission will assist and support city leadership in global matters that enhance the city's competitiveness in the emerging global economy. Much of Kansas City's potential for economic growth and job creation in the next decade will come from developing its capability as a global city with an international business, multi-modal and logistics focus.

The Kansas City Global Commission will serve as an advisory group that makes recommendations regarding current and future international activities and as participants in representing the city in efforts to bolster its economic opportunities, visibility and reputation in the Western Hemisphere and globally;

(b) *Establishment, Membership, Appointment of Members.* The Kansas City Global Commission is hereby established which shall be composed of nineteen members appointed by the Mayor:

Two of the members shall be members of the City Council.

The chair of the Finance and Audit Committee of the City Council shall be the chair of the commission.

The other members of the commission shall be city employees or members of the business community with experience and interest in the global economy.

The vice chair shall be appointed by the mayor.

Any members of the former Kansas City Global Trade Commission with unexpired terms shall continue as members of the Kansas City Global Commission for the duration of their terms and may be appointed for a new term if the Mayor so decides.

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All members will be appointed for three-year terms and shall serve without compensation. The commission will meet no less than quarterly. The commission has the power to adopt rules governing its own procedures and fixing the time and place of its meetings. Any members of the commission who are city employees will be excused from their normal duties to attend the meetings of the commission. The City Manager's International Affairs and Trade Office will provide staff support to the commission.

(c) *Functions.* The commission will advise and assist the Mayor, City Council, City Manager and his International Affairs and Trade Office on matters pertaining to global trade and international relations that accelerate Kansas City's growth as an international business center and global city. This includes the following:

- (1) Support the city's ongoing international initiatives, programs and projects in global trade and tourism, marketing and branding, partnership programming, international conferences/events and protocol.
- (2) Assist and participate in the city's trade mission program and outreach.
- (3) Advocate for strategies and programs to attract foreign business investment and trade to Kansas City.
- (4) Cooperate with agencies and organizations that have similar international objectives.
- (5) Strengthen the city's government partners/relationships to assist in its Western Hemisphere and global outreach.
- (6) Support international partner cities programming as an innovative economic development tool.
- (7) Participate and support international seminars and conferences that raise visibility and image for Kansas City and benefit local and regional business groups seeking foreign market access and entrepreneurial opportunities abroad.
- (8) Support the growth of dynamic global initiatives that will brand Kansas city a global city.

Approved as to form and legality:

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