

## RESOLUTION NO. 010273, AS AMENDED

**Directing the City Manager to review existing City policies with regard to extension of utility infrastructure, including water, sewer and storm sewer lines, and recommend changes and adoption of policies consistent with the recommendations of FOCUS Kansas City to the City Council.**

WHEREAS, the City is currently extending water lines into undeveloped areas of the City and into other metropolitan areas in the region without appropriate land use planning; and

WHEREAS, the Northland Plan of FOCUS adopted on October 30, 1997, recommends that "[u]pgrading of utility systems serving existing development that have inadequate capacity or are not in compliance with codes is to be the first priority. The priority for provision of new infrastructure capacity should be areas of infill development or areas adjacent to existing development. The goal should be to provide utilities concurrent with contiguous new development. Investment of City funds should be avoided where development is remote from existing capacity, unless there is significant developer financing or significant public benefit"; and

WHEREAS, the Citywide Physical Framework Plan of FOCUS also is consistent and recommends that: "[t]he City should adopt policies which promote use of existing utility services or logical extensions of new transmission and collection facilities. The investment of City funds should be avoided where development is remote from existing infrastructure, unless there is significant developer financing or a significant public benefit"; and

WHEREAS, the Citywide Physical Framework Plan also recommends: "[s]triking a balance between construction of new utility systems and maintenance of existing systems is important to maximize the value of utility investments. Kansas City should emphasize the importance of upgrading existing systems to appropriate standards, while not precluding appropriate new infrastructure extensions"; and

WHEREAS, without appropriate land use planning, the City is encouraging sprawl and enabling other suburban communities to compete with Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires that the Operations Committee review existing policies and recommend changes consistent with FOCUS so that the Council may provide policy direction and may prioritize the areas in which extensions should occur so as not to continue overburdening the existing utility systems which are essential to providing basic services for the citizens; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Operations Committee is hereby directed to review existing City policies with regard to extension of utility infrastructure, including water, sewer and storm sewer lines, and recommend changes and adoption of policies consistent with the recommendations of FOCUS Kansas City to the City Council.

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