

RESOLUTION NO. 200597

Establishing as an ongoing legislative priority state legislation and all legislative efforts necessary to afford the City of Kansas City the complete autonomy of governance of the Kansas City Police Department.

WHEREAS, pursuant to state law found in Sections 84.350 through 84.860 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri, the Kansas City Police Department is controlled and governed by the Board of Police Commissioners and is independent of the City's full control and governance; and,

WHEREAS, the City has not had full control and governance of its Police Department since 1939 and is currently the only city in Missouri without such full control and governance; and

WHEREAS, the City should be afforded the same right as other Missouri communities enjoy to have full control and governance of its police department; and

WHEREAS, returning local control of the Kansas City Police Department to the City would require a change in the above-referenced state law; and

WHEREAS, local control of its Police Department would assist the City in its efforts to address the issue of violent crime in Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to make the return of local control of its Police Department an ongoing legislative priority; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the City Council establishes as an ongoing legislative priority state legislation and all legislative efforts necessary to afford the City of Kansas City the complete autonomy of governance of the Kansas City Police Department.

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