

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR RESOLUTION NO. 030191

Stating the resolution of the Council to establish an economic development incentive policy and to continue the process of developing the policy with input of community stakeholders.

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that it is the role of the Mayor and the City Council to establish policy for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that it is in the best interest of the public to adopt an Economic Development Incentive Policy to serve as a guide for future development in the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 971286 adopting the FOCUS Kansas City Plan as the City's Comprehensive and Strategic Plan to serve as a guide for all decisions in the City; and

WHEREAS, the FOCUS Kansas City Plan includes strategies for economic development that serve as policy framework; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Economic Development Corporation has developed and adopted an Economic Development Strategy for the Economic Development Corporation; and

WHEREAS, the City has held over fifteen meetings with members of the public and seven public hearings to discuss a proposed Economic Development Incentive Policy; and

WHEREAS, three drafts of a proposed Economic Development Incentive Policy have been circulated for discussion with the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has recommended approval of the Third Draft of the Economic Development Incentive Policy for the City, dated March 18, 2003, with the understanding that continuous dialogue on the policy is important; and

WHEREAS, the City Plan Commission has requested that a liaison from the Commission be involved in the continuous refinement of the policy; and

WHEREAS, various stakeholders have expressed concern with the time frame for discussion of the proposed Economic Development Incentive Policy; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

Section 1. That the City Council states its intention to establish an economic development incentive policy and to continue the process of developing an Economic Development Incentive Policy under the leadership of the Planning, Zoning and Economic Development Committee using the Third Draft of the Economic Development Incentive Policy, dated March 18, 2003, as the basis for ongoing discussions.

Section 2. That a task force of community stakeholders be created to further refine the policy.

Section 3. That the Council hereby affirms its intent to periodically monitor and review the adopted policy to ensure that it is applicable to contemporary development issues and challenges.

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