ORDINANCE NO. 20206

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Councilmembers Coen, Emerson and Jensen, sitting as the Policy and Finance Committee, amending, repealing and reorganizing certain chapters and sections of the Topeka Municipal Code in Title 2: Administration and Personnel; repealing Ordinance No. 16404 that adopted a personnel code; and rescinding Resolution Nos. 6448, 7758, 7985, 8235 and 8381 that amended the Personnel Code.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

DIVISION 1. GENERAL; OFFICIALS AND DEPARTMENTS

Section 1. That original Chapter 2.10 TMC, Seal and Crest, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.05.

Section 2. That original section 2.14.010, City Manager – Goals, objectives and evaluation, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.15.100.

Section 3. That original Chapter 2.20 TMC, City Records, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.10.

Section 4. That original Chapter 2.30 TMC, Departments Created – Established Positions, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.20.

Section 5. That original section 2.50.010, Development Services Division, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.20.091.

Section 6. That original section 2.50.020, Duties - Director, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby and renumbered as § 2.20.092.

Section 7. That original Chapter 2.100 TMC, Civil Emergencies, of The Code
of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.55.

Section 8. That original Chapter 2.105 TMC, Community Development, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.25.

Section 9. That original Chapter 2.110 TMC, Municipal Court, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.40.

Section 10. That original Chapter 2.115 TMC, Fire Department, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.30.

Section 11. That original Chapter 2.120 TMC, Law Enforcement, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.35.

Section 12. That original Chapter 2.135 TMC, Article II, Public Contracts, § 2.135.110 through § 2.135.170, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 3.30, Article VI, Public Contracts, § 3.30.440 through § 3.30.500.

Section 13. That original Chapter 2.145 TMC, Appeals and Administrative Hearings Procedure, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.45.

Section 14. That original Chapter 2.150 TMC, Domestic Partnership Registry, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.50.

DIVISION 2. EMPLOYEES

Chapter 2.105 Employment Practices: Diversity and Inclusion

Chapter 2.110 General

Chapter 2.115 Bargaining Unit Employees

Chapter 2.120 Civil Service for Police Officers and Firefighters

2.125 Benefits

2.130 Firefighters Relief Association

Section 15. That section 2.25.010, Rights of employees to organize, of The
Section 16. That section 2.25.020, Approval of memorandum agreements in conjunction with the meet and confer process, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.115.020.

Section 17. That section 2.25.030, Oath, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.110.010 and amended to read as follows:

Oath.

(a) **Required.** All officers of the City, whether elected or appointed, and as well as each person to be employed by the City, shall, before entering upon the duties of their respective offices, appointment or employment, take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, as follows:

I do solemnly swear (or affirm, as the case may be) that I will support the Constitution of the United States of America and the Constitution of the State of Kansas and faithfully discharge the duties of ____________ (here enter name of office or employment). So help me God.

(b) **Officers.** All officers required by law to take and subscribe such oath or affirmation shall be provided with the necessary forms to accomplish this requirement at the expense of the City and, upon taking, subscribing and/or signing any such oath or affirmation, such completed original or copies of oaths shall be filed with the City Clerk. Oaths or affirmations required under this article subsection shall be administered before such officers and in the manner prescribed by state law.
(c) **Employees.** All officers and employees required by law to take and subscribe or file any such oath or affirmation shall be supplied with the necessary forms to accomplish this purpose at the expense of the City and, upon taking and subscribing and/or signing any such oath or affirmation, such completed original or copies of oaths shall be filed with the Human Resources Department. Oaths or affirmations required under this subsection shall be administered before such officers in the manner prescribed by state law.

(d) **No Funds until Oath Taken.** The Department of Administrative and Financial Services shall not disburse any funds in payment for services to any officer or employee of the City until the original oath or affirmation provided for in this article subsection shall have been duly subscribed and the original or a copy is filed with the City Clerk or the Department of Human Resources.

**Section 18.** That section 2.25.040, Protective insurance required, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.110.050.

**Section 19.** That section 2.25.050, Reimbursements for conferences, seminars, conventions and short courses attended by governing body members, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.15.110 and amended to read as follows:

**Reimbursements for Official Travel and Related Expenses – conferences, seminars, conventions and short courses attended by Governing Body Members.**

Governing Body members may be reimbursed for official travel and related
expenses in accordance with resolutions adopted by the Governing Body that contain guidance related to such travel and expenses, in addition to the submittal of corresponding documentation confirming all relevant expenditures.

The reimbursement procedure shall be established by rule and regulation as authorized by Charter Ordinance No. 94.

Section 20. That section 2.25.060, Approval of employment and severance agreements, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.110.060 and amended to read as follows:

**Approval of employment and severance agreements.**

(a) Approval by the Governing Body shall be required prior to the city Manager signing any employment contract that does not follow the department of Human Resources Department’s process for recruitment and selection. Such contracts shall not be subject to the procurement ordinances, Chapter 3.30 TMC.

(b) No severance or other payments beyond those authorized by state or federal law, city ordinance or contract shall be made to a current or former employee without prior authorization by the governing body.

Section 21. That The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 2.110.070, which said section reads as follows:

**Approval of Severance Pay.**

(a) Prior Authorization Required. No severance or other payments beyond those authorized by federal, state or local law, or contract, shall be made to a current or former employee without prior authorization by the Governing Body.
(b) Eligibility; Permanent Reduction in Force. Severance pay set forth herein is available only to employees who meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

1. The employee’s position has been eliminated pursuant to a reduction in force;
2. The employee has been employed with the City for one or more continuous years of service;
3. The employee has not accepted a position with the City or with another governmental entity pursuant to a consolidation agreement;
4. The employee has not accepted a transfer of employment to an entity that is assuming operational responsibility via contract with the City; and
5. The employee has executed an agreement and complete release of all claims against the City.

(c) Payment.

1. Eligible employees hired prior to January 1, 2011, shall be eligible to receive severance pay according to the following schedule; provided, however, that in no event shall severance pay exceed one year of salary:

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2. Eligible employees hired on January 1, 2011 and after, shall be eligible to receive severance pay at the rate of one week of salary for every year
of service, pro-rated to the nearest month, but in no case less than four weeks salary and in no case more than twenty-six (26) weeks salary.

(3) Severance pay shall be calculated using the employee’s regular base hourly wage and shall not include any premium payments.

(4) The City may elect to make severance payments in equal increments on a pay period basis until such time as the employee receives all severance pay due. In such a case, the payment will amount at least to the base pay of a regular bi-weekly pay period.

(5) Whether employees can draw both severance pay and unemployment compensation benefits will be dependent upon applicable state law.

(6) Employees who resign, retire or are terminated for cause shall not be eligible to receive severance pay.

Section 22. That section 2.25.070, Accounting upon separation from employment, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

**Accounting upon separation from employment.**

An inventory will be conducted in accordance with policies adopted by the administration prior to separation from employment for purposes of ensuring that an employee, upon retirement, resignation or discharge from city employment, has accounted fully for all funds and city property entrusted to him or her. After providing written notice and explanation to the employee, the city may deduct from the employee’s final wages such amounts permitted by the Kansas Wage Payment Act or other applicable law.
Section 23. That section 2.25.100, Personnel code – Adopted -- Amendments, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Personnel code – Adopted – Amendments.

(a) The city’s “Personnel Rules and Regulations,” were originally adopted and approved by Ordinance No. 16404 on December 30, 1991, as the city’s official personnel code, and took effect on January 6, 1992.

(b) The city’s personnel code shall be reviewed by the city attorney and human resources director during the last quarter of the city’s fiscal year, in even-numbered years. Any revisions proposed by the city attorney and human resources director as a result of this review shall be submitted to the governing body for approval, via resolution, no later than March 31st of the next odd-numbered year.

Section 24. That section 2.25.110, Personnel code – Copies, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Personnel code—Copies.

The city clerk shall post publicly on the city’s website and maintain on file one copy of the city’s personnel code for purposes of making said document available to the public. The city clerk shall make copies available pursuant to the city open records policy.

Section 25. That The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 2.110.020, which said section reads as follows:

Residency Required.

Employees, including department directors, employed after December 31, 1981, by the City must be bona fide residents of Shawnee County, except at the time of
appointment or employment when they need not be residents of Shawnee County, but shall establish residency in Shawnee County within six (6) months after completion of the initial employment probation. Employees employed in a public safety position, as defined by the Director of Human Resources, shall within six (6) months after completion of the initial employment probation, reside within the boundaries of Shawnee County at a location which is no more than thirty (30) minutes travel time from the assigned reporting station or office. Said residency shall be maintained within the boundaries of Shawnee County for the duration of the employee’s employment. The City Manager may grant one (1) extension not to exceed six (6) months for establishment of residency upon the request of an individual employee for good cause shown.

Section 26. That The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 2.110.030, which said section reads as follows:

**Administrative Policies, Rules, Regulations and Procedures – Personnel Manual.**

(a) Promulgation and Posting. The City Manager, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, shall promulgate and issue administrative policies, rules, regulations and procedures related to personnel, as well as amendments to such provisions, through a Personnel Manual. The City Manager, in conjunction with the Director of Human Resources, shall ensure that this Personnel Manual is in effect and updated on a periodic basis. The City Clerk shall post the Personnel Manual on the City’s website and maintain one copy of the City Personnel Manual in his/her office for
purposes of making said document available to the public. The City Clerk shall make
copies available pursuant to the City’s open records policy.

(b) Scope. All persons employed by the City shall be subject to the provisions
of the Personnel Manual with the exception of elected officials and independent
contractors.

(c) Conflicts with Bargaining Unit Agreements. Any terms or conditions
contained in: (i) an agreement negotiated between the City and a recognized
bargaining unit, (ii) an applicable ordinance or resolution; or (iii) the Topeka Municipal
Code shall control in the event of a conflict with specific terms or conditions contained in
the Personnel Manual. Furthermore, no salary increases granted by the City pay plan
shall be or become effective for any employees covered by such an existing labor
agreement or for any employees subject to or involved in labor negotiations during the
term of such agreement or negotiations, unless specifically provided in a labor
agreement.

(d) Deviations. The City Manager and the Director of Human Resources may
permit deviations from the provisions contained in the Personnel Manual; provided
however, that any approved deviation must be in writing and executed by the City
Manager and the Director of Human Resources.

(e) Standard Operating Procedures. In addition to the provisions contained in
the Personnel Manual, a department director shall have the authority to issue written
rules and regulations concerning personnel matters in order to govern situations that
are unique to the particular department; provided, however, that the process for
amending the Personnel Manual is adhered to. For disciplinary and termination
purposes, a violation of departmental rules and/or regulations shall be considered the
same as a violation of the Personnel Manual.

(f) Compliance. Any person who knowingly violates or conspires to violate
the provisions of TMC Title 2 or the Personnel Manual may be disciplined consistent
with the nature and extent of the violation.

Section 27. That The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended
by adding a section, to be numbered 2.110.040, which said section reads as follows:

Personnel Records.

(a) Annual Accounting of Personnel. Each year, in conjunction with the
budget process, the Director of Administrative and Financial Services and the Director
of Human Resources shall ensure that the number of personnel and corresponding
compensation accurately reflects the information contained in the adopted budget. This
statement shall be in a format determined by the Director of Human Resources.

(b) Payroll Records. The Administrative and Financial Services Department
shall be required to keep adequate records of all persons employed, with a
corresponding pay scale, time worked and accrued leave.

(c) Authorized Employees. The number of employees in a department shall
generally be limited to the number of authorized employees within each departmental
budget. Variances shall be approved by the City Manager.

Section 28. That original Chapter 2.125 TMC, Civil Service for Police Officers
and Firefighters, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as
Chapter 2.120.

Section 29. That section 2.130.010, Created, of The Code of the City of
Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Created Composition - Governance.**

(a) There is hereby created a firemen’s firemen’s firefighters relief association composed of all full-time sworn employees of the fire department.

(b) The firefighters relief association is governed by the Firefighters Relief Act, K.S.A. 45-1701 et seq.

**Section 30.** That section 2.130.020, Composition - Officers, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

**Composition – Officers.**

(a) The firemen’s relief association shall be composed of all full-time paid members of the fire department.

(b) The officers of the firemen’s relief association shall be members and shall consist of a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary-treasurer and a board of directors. The board of directors shall be composed of the president, the two vice-presidents, the secretary-treasurer and an elected representative from each fire station.

**Section 31.** That section 2.130.030, Bylaws, rules and regulations, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

**Bylaws, rules and regulations.**

The firemen’s relief association shall adopt such bylaws, rules and regulations as it may deem advisable in carrying out and promoting the object of the association, not inconsistent with this chapter or the laws of the state.

**Section 32.** That section 2.130.040, City attorney to advise directors, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.
City attorney to advise directors.

It shall be the duty of the city attorney to give advice to the board of directors of the firemen’s relief association in all matters pertaining to their duties and management of funds of the association whenever requested by the board of directors so to do.

Section 33. That section 2.130.050, Records, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Records.

The secretary-treasurer of the firemen’s relief association shall keep a complete and accurate record of all transactions and meetings of the association and the board of directors, which records shall at all times be subject to inspection by the council.

Section 34. That section 2.130.060, Bond of secretary-treasurer, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Bond of secretary-treasurer.

The secretary-treasurer of the firemen’s relief association shall immediately upon assuming the duties of such office furnish a bond with corporate surety in the amount of $25,000. The bond shall be made payable to the firemen’s relief association and shall be conditioned upon the faithful discharge and performance of the respective duties of the secretary-treasurer of the association and saving the association free from all loss caused by the neglect of duty or malfeasance in office by the secretary-treasurer, and shall contain such other conditions and provisions as may be directed by the statutes of the state and by the ordinances of the city.

Section 35. That section 2.130.070, Funds - Handling, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.
Funds—Handling.

The secretary-treasurer of the firemen’s relief association shall at all times be the custodian of all funds belonging to the association, and shall be liable on the official bond for the security of this fund, and shall pay out such funds only on checks issued by the association, which checks shall be issued only upon such terms as are provided in the bylaws of the association.

Section 36. That section 2.130.080, Funds – Limitation on use, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Funds—Limitation on use.

All moneys received by the secretary-treasurer of the firemen’s relief association shall be used entirely for the objects and purposes set forth in this chapter and as set forth in K.S.A. Chapter 40, Article 17 (K.S.A. 40-1701 et seq.) and amendments thereto, and shall be paid to and distributed by the firemen’s relief association as provided by law. The officers of the association may invest any amount not to exceed 90 percent of all such moneys in purchasing bonds of the city; provided, that if the bonds of the city are not obtainable, United States government bonds may be purchased or any municipal bonds of this state may be purchased; provided, that such relief funds are used to purchase bonds where the bonded indebtedness of the municipality does not exceed 15 percent of its total assessed valuations as shown by the last assessment preceding such investment. Such purchase must be approved by the council. It shall be the duty of the city attorney to examine all such bonds as to their validity and report thereon in writing to the council and the firemen’s relief association, and no bonds shall be purchased by the firemen’s relief association until they have been approved and
found valid by the city attorney.

Section 37. That section 2.130.090, Funds – Held in trust, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Funds—Held in trust.

All moneys collected and received by the firemen’s relief association shall be held in trust and used as a fund for relief of any member of the fire department when injured or physically disabled in or by reason of the discharge of their duties as such and for the relief of or in payment of gratuities to the widow or those dependent on any member of such fire department who may be killed in the discharge of their duties as fireman or who may die from the effect of injuries so received or from disease contracted by reason of their duties as such, and for the payment of the necessary funeral expenses of any member of the fire department when killed in the discharge of their duties as fireman, or in the case of death resulting from injuries so received or diseases contracted by reason of such duties as such, or for the further purpose of paying a pension to members who are unfit for service after having served for a period of not less than 20 years in the department, such pension not to exceed in amount one-half of the monthly salary at the date of retirement; or for the purchase of insurance which would provide for any and all of the foregoing purposes for which such fund is authorized. The firemen’s relief association is hereby authorized to loan part or all of such funds to the city to be used by the city in the improvement of its fire department and equipment thereof, and the city is hereby authorized to borrow such funds and issue to the secretary-treasurer of the firemen’s relief association its warrant therefor bearing interest payable semiannually at a rate not to exceed six percent per annum.
Section 38. That section 2.130.100, Funeral expenses — Gratuities and beneficiaries, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Funeral expenses — Gratuities and beneficiaries.

The firemen’s relief association may pay up to $2,500 to defray the necessary funeral expenses incurred upon the death of any member when killed in the discharge of their duties as a fireman, or who die from a disease or illness contracted by reason of their duties as a fireman. The association shall pay to the widow or those dependent upon the member a gratuity in the amount of $5,000, at the rate of $500.00 per month for 10 months, when a member is killed in the discharge of their duties as a fireman or dies from a disease or illness contracted by reason of their duties as a fireman.

Section 39. That section 2.135.010, Affirmative action policy, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.105.010 and amended to read as follows:

Affirmative-action policy.

(a) Policy Statement. It is the policy of the City to take affirmative action to achieve equal treatment, diversity and inclusion when employing individuals regardless of race, religion, creed, color, sex, disability which is unrelated to the ability to perform a particular job or occupation, national origin or ancestry, in and not to discriminate against any individual based on his/her age, color, disability, familial status, gender identity, genetic information, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status or any other factor protected by law (“Protected Class”). This shall apply to all personnel actions and procedures including, but not limited to, recruitment, hiring, training, transfer, promotion, compensation and other benefits.
(b) General Objectives.

(1) Intensify efforts to recruit applicants within a protected class for every level of responsibility;

(2) Develop special training programs to qualify persons within a protected class for beginning level positions and for advancement; and

(3) Develop procedures for monitoring the application flow, final hiring and disposition of persons within a protected class.

(c) Administrative Responsibility. The City Manager and all Department Directors shall be responsible for ensuring that the City takes affirmative action to achieve equal opportunity, inclusion and diversity when employing individuals within all departments in accordance with the equal employment opportunity/affirmative action policy. The Human Resources Department shall be responsible for developing recruitment and training programs to include employment goals for each City department.

Section 40. That section 2.135.020, Definition, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Definition.

As used in this chapter, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

(a) The affirmative action program is a positive program designed to ensure that a good faith effort will be made to employ applicants and to treat employees equally without regard to race, religion, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, national origin or ancestry or age which is unrelated to the ability to perform a
particular job or occupation.

(b) “Gender identity” means the persistent sense of one’s gender-related identity, appearance, behavior, and other characteristics of an individual, as perceived by the individual or another, and without regard to the individual’s actual or assigned sex at birth.

(c) “Sexual orientation” means perceived or actual heterosexuality, homosexuality or bisexuality.

(d) A good faith effort to treat employees equally without regard to sexual orientation will include an effort to contract for health coverage for domestic partners registered on the city’s domestic partner registry and any children of such registered domestic partners.

Section 41. That section 2.135.030, General objectives, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

General objectives.

General objectives of the affirmative action program are to:

(a) Intensify efforts to recruit minorities and women applicants for every level of responsibility;

(b) Develop special training programs to qualify persons for beginning level positions and for advancement; and

(c) Develop procedures for monitoring the application flow, final hiring and disposition of minorities and women.

Section 42. That section 2.135.040, Unlawful employment practices, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.105.020 and
amended to read as follows:

Unlawful Employment Practices.

It shall be an unlawful employment practice for an official, department head, agent or employee of the City, because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, disability, familial status, national origin or ancestry, age, sexual orientation or gender identity, which is unrelated to the ability to perform a particular task or occupation, of any person to refuse to hire or employ, or to bar or to discharge from employment, such a person because he/she is a member of a protected class, or to otherwise discriminate against such person in relation to his/her compensation or in the terms, conditions or privileges of his/her employment; or to limit, segregate, separate, classify or make any designation in regard to employees; or to follow any employment procedure or practice which, in fact, results in discrimination, segregation or separation without a valid business reason.

Section 43. That section 2.135.050, Employment recruitment procedures, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.105.030 and amended to read as follows:

Employment Recruitment Procedures.

(a) The personnel director of Human Resources shall devise and implement written procedures for the efficient and expeditious recruitment of employees in accordance with federal, state and City laws and guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity.

(b) The provisions of subsection (a) of this section are not mandatory for part-time, temporary or seasonal employees, as defined in the City's personnel rules.
Section 44. That section 2.135.060, Administrative responsibility, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Administrative responsibility.

All administrative personnel and department heads will be responsible for carrying out all aspects of the affirmative action program within their division or department. The personnel division shall be responsible for development of recruitment and training programs to include employment goals for each city department.

Section 45. That section 2.135.070, Equal opportunity officer - Designated, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.105.050 and amended to read as follows:

Equal opportunity officer—Designated.

(a) Designated Officer. The personnel director of Human Resources is designated as the equal opportunity officer to coordinate the city’s efforts in the implementation of its affirmative action program and ensure equal employment opportunities.

(b) General Duties. It shall be the duty of the equal opportunity officer to:

(1) Conduct periodic departmental reviews to determine compliance with the City’s equal employment opportunity/affirmative action policy;

(2) Report results obtained, problems encountered, and/or resistance or failure to implement the equal employment opportunity/affirmative action policy to the Governing Body, City Manager and Human Relations Commission and provide recommendations to resolve any problems identified;

(3) Serve as a consultant to the Governing Body, City Manager and Department Directors in developing recruitment programs, selection procedures,
training programs or other personnel functions necessary to implement the City’s equal employment opportunity/affirmative action policy.

(4) Recruit personnel in such a manner that clearly demonstrates the City’s interest in employing persons within a protected class; and

(5) Establish communication with institutions and organizations that provide referral of qualified applicants within a protected class for available positions.

Section 46. That section 2.135.080, Equal opportunity officer – Duties generally, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

**Equal opportunity officer – Duties generally.**

It shall be the duty of the equal opportunity officer to:

(a) Conduct periodic departmental reviews to determine compliance with the city’s affirmative action program;

(b) Report to the city manager, human relations commission and the city council results obtained with the affirmative action program, problems encountered, resistance or failure to implement the policy of the city, and recommend remedies; and

(c) Serve as a consultant to the city manager, mayor, city council and department heads in the development of recruitment programs, selection procedures, training programs or other personnel functions necessary to implement the city’s affirmative action program.

Section 47. That section 2.135.090, Equal opportunity officer – Recruitment and selection, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

**Equal opportunity officer – Recruitment and selection.**
The personnel director shall:

(a) Recruit personnel in such a manner that clearly demonstrates the city’s interest in the employment of minorities and women; and

(b) Establish communication with institutions and organizations which provide referral of qualified minorities and women applicants for positions which may become available in the city.

Section 48. That section 2.135.100, Audit procedures, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.105.040 and amended to read as follows:

Audit procedures

(a) The personnel director of Human Resources shall comply with required equal employment opportunity/affirmative action reporting prepare an annual affirmative action report including all personnel within each department. This report will indicate numbers of persons employed, position of employment, race and sex. Position interview records and information related to new hires, transfers, promotions and terminations shall be maintained by the Human Resources Department.

(b) A position interview record shall be completed by any hiring authority interviewing applicants for positions of employment indicating race, sex, source of recruitment and, if not hired, reason for failure to employ. These records are to be maintained in the personnel division.

(c) Each department shall prepare a monthly report of new employees, transfers, promotions and terminations indicating the personnel who have resigned, retired, were fired or were released by reduction of work force, noting the race, sex and position of
employment or position change. The report shall include all personnel of the city and
should include a statistical summary of new employees, transfers, promotions and
terminations by race and sex. The report shall be filed with the personnel director.

Section 49. That section 2.140.010, Increase in Payments under 1939
Retirement System, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Increase in Payments under 1939 Retirement System.

(a) Whereas the City established an employees retirement system in 1939; and,
whereas, the employees retirement system was subsequently abolished on April 6,
1951; and, whereas, all employees who had retired prior to April 2, 1951, were and are
entitled to receipt of benefits pursuant to such established employees retirement
system, pursuant to now repealed K.S.A. 13-3037; and, whereas, the Governing Body
is now desirous of raising payments made pursuant to the employees retirement system
to those persons who are still entitled to its benefits, in order to provide equity of
payment after consideration of the effect of inflation upon such payments as had
previously been authorized; the council hereby establishes authorization for payment of
retirement benefits for all persons previously and presently entitled to payments under
the original employee retirement system.

(b) All persons previously subject to the employee retirement system established
in 1939, and who retired prior to April 6, 1951, and who are presently alive and receiving
retirement benefits pursuant to now repealed K.S.A. 13-3037, shall be henceforth
entitled to payment of $200.00 per month.

(c) All payments authorized by subsection (b) of this section shall cease upon the
death of the person entitled to the payments.
(d) The time and method of payment under this section shall be determined by the Administrative and Financial Service Director.

Section 50. That section 2.140.020, Benefits extended, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.010 and amended to read as follows:

Benefits extended.

(a) The City hereby extends the benefits of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act, in conformity with the applicable provisions of such Act, to the employees of the City, in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. Chapter 40, Article 23 (K.S.A. 40-2301 et seq.), in accordance with and under the terms of the following plan of coverage of the City, for extending the benefits of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act to the employees of the City.

(b) The City submits the following plan contained in this Article I to the state Department of Administration Civil Service, referred to in this article as the Department of Civil Service, as the authorized state agency, for approval as authorized by K.S.A. Chapter 40, Article 23 (K.S.A. 40-2301 et seq.).

Section 51. That section 2.140.030, State act incorporated, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.020.

Section 52. That section 2.140.040, Services covered, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.030 and amended to read as follows:

Services covered.

The plan contained in this article includes coverage of all services performed by
employees of the city, except as specifically excluded by law or the plan of coverage, and including elected officials of the city.

Section 53. That section 2.140.050, Contribution by city, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.040 and amended to read as follows:

**Contribution by city.**

(a) The City hereby agrees to pay to the Department of Civil Service/Internal Revenue Service (IRS), at such time or times and in such manner as prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code, amounts equivalent to the sum of the taxes which would be imposed by Sections 1400 and 1410 of the Internal Revenue Code if the services of the employees covered by this agreement constituted employment as defined in Section 1426 of such code.

(b) The City agrees to deduct amounts deducted from any remuneration paid to an employee subject to the provisions of this plan shall be remitted to the IRS as prescribed by the Internal Revenue Code, amount equivalent to the sum of the taxes which would be imposed by Section 1400 of the Internal Revenue Code if the services of such employee constituted employment as defined in Section 1426 of such code.

Section 54. That section 2.140.060, Sources of city’s contribution, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.050 and amended to read as follows:

**Sources of city’s contribution.**

The City will pay its contributions from the same fund that the wages from which the contribution in TMC 2.140.0502.125.040(b) is made are paid or from any other
funds available to it for the purpose or that it will annually or when necessary levy at the
time of its levy for other purposes, a tax which may be in addition to all other taxes
authorized or limited by law, for the purpose of making its contributions under
subsection (e) of Section 5 of the State Act K.S.A. 40-2305(c), which tax together with
any other funds available to the City for such purpose shall be sufficient to enable it to
make its contributions; provided, that in the year 1951, the City may, if current funds are
not available, issue no-fund warrants for the purpose of providing funds to make such
contributions for wages earned during the calendar year 1951, and provide for the
redemption of such warrants as provided by K.S.A. 40-2305(e); provided further, that
funds for the City’s contributions will be properly and adequately budgeted for the year
1952, if this plan takes effect in time for such budgeting at budgeting time in 1951, and
in subsequent years, and contributions will be made in 1951 and 1952 whether such
expenditures are budgeted or not, as authorized by K.S.A. 40-2305(e). The City verily
believes that with the current funds that may be available and the unlimited tax levy
authorized by K.S.A. 40-2305(e), there is a reasonable assurance that sources will be
adequate for the purposes of K.S.A. 40-2305(c)(1) and (d).

Section 55. That section 2.140.070, Compliance with regulations, of The Code
of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.060 and amended to
read as follows:

Compliance with regulations.

The City agrees that it will comply with such rules and regulations as the
Department of Administration Civil Service may prescribe to carry out the purposes of
Section 218 of the Social Security Act, as amended.
Section 56. That section 2.140.080, Modification of plan, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.070.

Section 57. That section 2.140.090, Termination by city, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Termination by city.

The City, upon giving at least two years' advance notice in writing to the Department of Civil Service, may terminate this plan, either in its entirety or with respect to any coverage group, effective at the end of a calendar quarter specified in the notice. The plan may be terminated in its entirety only if it has been in effect not less than five years prior to receipt of such notice. It may be terminated with respect to any coverage group only if it has been in effect with respect to such coverage group for not less than five years prior to receipt of such notice.

Section 58. That section 2.140.100, Termination by Department of Civil Service for cause, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Termination by Department of Civil Service for cause.

If the Department of Civil Service, after reasonable notice and opportunity for hearing to the City, finds that the City has failed or is no longer legally able to comply substantially with any provision of this plan or of Section 218 of the Social Security Act, as amended, the Department of Civil Service shall notify the City by giving notice in writing that this plan will be terminated in its entirety, or with respect to any one or more coverage groups, at such time, not later than two years from the date of such notice, as the Department of Civil Service deems appropriate, unless prior to such time it is found there no longer is any failure or that the cause of such legal inability has been removed.
Section 59. That section 2.140.110, Failure to make payments when due, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby repealed.

Failure to make payments when due.

If the City fails to make, at the time or times due, the payments provided for under this plan, there shall be added, as part of the amount due, interest at the rate of six percent per annum from the date due until paid, and the Department of Civil Service may deduct such amount as is delinquent, plus accrued interest, from any amounts due the City from the state. Amounts so deducted shall be deemed to have been paid to the City.

Section 60. That section 2.140.120, Effective date, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.080.

Section 61. That section 2.140.130, Injury on job – Workers compensation interrelationship with forms of leave, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.100 and amended to read as follows:

Injury on job – Workers compensation – General.

(a) Employees injured or ill from an occupational disease arising out of and in the course of their employment for the City are eligible to receive workers compensation benefits while they are temporarily totally disabled and still employed as a regular employee of the City, in accordance with the Workers Compensation Act (K.S.A. 44-501 et seq., 44-5a01 et seq.) and rules. Where temporary total disability results from the injury or occupational disease, no compensation (temporary total benefits) shall be paid during the first week of disability unless the temporary total
disability exists for three consecutive weeks, in which case compensation shall be paid for the first week of disability. Temporary total benefits shall not be charged against leave accruals.

(b) Employees injured or ill as a result of an impact/contact injury arising out of and in the course of their employment, and who are eligible to receive workers compensation while they are temporarily totally disabled and still employed as a regular employee of the city, may elect to receive compensation from the city from accrued leaves in an amount representing the difference between their total base compensation including longevity from the city and the amount received from workers compensation, if the latter amount is less. Under this election, the employee’s accrued sick or other leave shall be prorated (accrual shall be proportionate to the amount of leave being used) while the employee is receiving temporary total disability workers compensation benefits, provided the total amount received by the employee from the city does not exceed the amount of a normal paycheck per pay period. When the employee’s accrued leaves are depleted, any additional compensation from the city shall cease.

(c) Department heads may, at their discretion, establish light duty positions for permanent full-time or permanent part-time employees injured or ill from an occupational disease arising out of and in the course of city employment and who are medically recommended to perform light duty work, but unable to perform their regular work duties for a limited time. If established light duty positions are available and a position is vacant, the department head, at his sole discretion, may place the injured or ill employee in the position. The department head will notify the city risk manager whenever an employee is placed in a light duty position. The department head may
remove an employee from a light duty position at any time. The department head will notify the city risk manager whenever an employee is removed from a light duty position but not returned to regular duty. An employee removed from light duty whose medical status continues to prevent him from returning to regular duty shall be eligible for workers compensation benefits in accordance with K.S.A. 44-510c.

Section 62. That section 2.140.140, Assessment against city department--Rate, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 3.25.060 and amended to read as follows:

**Assessment against city department—Rate Self-Insurance Fund.**

(a) Commencing on January 1, 1976, each city department shall each month transfer one-twelfth the amount of the city workers compensation self-insurance fund assessment for such city department for such fiscal year to the credit of the city Established; Rate of Assessment. A workers compensation self-insurance fund established January 1, 1976.

(b) The rate of the city workers compensation self-insurance fund assessment for all city departments shall be set by the city risk manager, Human Resources Director or his/her designee using applicable workers compensation rates based upon payroll, and shall further be sufficient to pay any and all claims reasonably expected to be brought thereunder, and as well as all administrative costs, which balance shall include an initial fund amount of $225,000.

(b) Annual Self-Insurance Permit Required. State law requires that cities wishing to self-insure for workers compensation apply for a corresponding permit. This application must contain financial information sufficient to ensure there is adequate
reserve funding available. The City shall complete all steps necessary to obtain this permit.

Section 63. That section 2.140.150, Claims for compensation – Service of claims – Defense of fund, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.110 and amended to read as follows:

**Claims for compensation – Service; Process; Defense of claims – Defense of fund.**

(a) All claims under this article against any city department for claims arising on and after January 1, 1976, shall be made against the city workers compensation self-insurance fund. Service. Workers compensation claims shall be served upon the City’s risk manager Human Resources Director or his/her designee in his/her capacity as administrator of the City workers compensation self-insurance fund in the manner provided for claims against other employers under the Workers Compensation Act (K.S.A. 44-501 et seq., 44-5a01 et seq.) The City Manager shall be authorized to secure outside counsel to defend any claim against the City workers compensation self-insurance fund.

(b) Investigation. The City’s risk manager Human Resources Director or his/her designee shall investigate or cause to be investigated each claim against the City workers compensation self-insurance fund. For the purposes of such investigations, the risk manager Human Resources Director or his/her designee is authorized to obtain expert advice regarding the injuries, occupational diseases, disabilities and damages involved in such claims.

(c) Claim Payments. If, based upon such investigation and any other
available information, the city risk manager Human Resources Director, or his/her designee, finds that there is no material dispute as to any issue involved in a workers compensation claim, that the claim is valid and that the claim should be settled by agreement, the Human Resources Director, or his/her designee, with concurrence of the City Manager, may proceed to enter into such an agreement with the claimant, for the City workers compensation self-insurance fund, for any settlement not in excess of $1035,000. For any workers compensation settlement amounts in excess of $1035,000, the city risk manager Human Resources Director, or his/her designee, shall obtain the approval of the Governing Body, and any settlement made without Governing Body approval shall be invalid. Any such agreement may provide for lump sum settlements subject to approval by the city risk manager Human Resources Director, or his/her designee, and all such workers compensation agreements shall be filed in the office of such director for approval as provided in K.S.A. 44-527. All other claims for workers compensation against such funds shall be paid in accordance with the Workers Compensation Act (K.S.A. 44-501 et seq., 44-5a01 et seq.) pursuant to awards or orders of the workers compensation director Kansas Department of Labor or a court.

(ed) Funds to be Reserved. The city risk manager Director of Administrative and Financial Services and the Director of Human Resources shall encumber (reserve) funds sufficient to meet anticipated expenses for workers compensation claims expected to exceed $1,000 in accordance with the Workers Compensation Act (K.S.A. 44-501 et seq., 44-5a01 et seq.) and experience data.

Section 64. That section 2.140.300, Created, of The Code of the City of
Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.200 and amended to read as follows:

**Created.**

(a) There is hereby created in the city treasury a separate accounting unit within the law enforcement special revenue fund to be known as the police benefit account.

(b) Any remaining balance in the police benefit fund as of January 1, 2010, shall be transferred to the law enforcement special reserve fund.

There is hereby created a separate accounting unit within the Law Enforcement Special Revenue Fund to be known as the Police Benefit Account.

Section 65. That section 2.140.310, Fees credited to fund, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.210 and amended to read as follows:

**Fees credited to fund.**

There shall be credited to the police benefit account in the law enforcement special revenue fund, the fees for related to the issuance and service of municipal court warrants from the municipal court, when and as such fees which shall be collected by the chief of police, are turned over to the Administrative and Financial Services Department and credited to the police benefit account in the law enforcement special revenue fund by the chief of police.

Section 66. That section 2.140.320, Purpose, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.220 and amended to read as follows:
Purpose.

The police benefit account shall be held by the finance Administrative and Financial Services department for the following purposes and for none other: the of providing relief to a members of the police department who may be injured while on duty or who may become ill or has otherwise incurred medical expense while he/she is an employee of the department by providing cash payments or reimbursements of part or all of the medical expenses actually incurred by members of the department or by providing life, health or accident insurance for such purposes.

Section 67. That The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 2.125.230, which said section reads as follows:

Benefits provided.

Reimbursements cover part or all of the medical expenses actually incurred by members of the department related to the purpose set forth in TMC 2.125.220.

Section 68. That section 2.140.330, Payment of benefits, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.240 and amended to read as follows:

Payment of benefits.

(a) The extent and proportion to which members of the police department shall become eligible for cash payments or for reimbursement of medical expenses actually incurred, and whether or not life, accident or health insurance shall be provided, and to what extent, from the account, shall be determined by the members of the Topeka Police Benefit Fund, incorporated, as provided for in the bylaws of the Topeka Police Benefit Fund, incorporated. The eligibility of a particular claimant to
receive any of the benefits provided through this article shall be passed
upon decided by the Board of Trustees of the Topeka Police Benefit Fund, incorporated.

(b) The Director of Administrative and Financial Services department, or his/her designee, is hereby authorized to make payments from the law enforcement special revenue fund only upon receipt of a signed voucher(s) signed and by the individual claimant, approved by majority vote of the Board of Trustees of the Topeka Police Benefit Fund, incorporated, and approved by Accounts Payable the finance and budget director or designee, but not otherwise.

Section 69. That section 2.140.340, Group health insurance plan and fund, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.300 and amended to read as follows:

**Group Health Insurance Plan and Fund.**

(a) The City hereby recognizes the employees’ group health insurance plan (the “plan”) to provide or otherwise make available certain health care benefits for its eligible employees and their respective dependent family members and the health insurance fund (the “fund”) to provide for the payment of such health care benefits. The City hereby ratifies and confirms the validity of the City’s health self-insurance plan (also known as the employees’ group health insurance plan) and the health insurance fund in existence immediately prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this article.

(b) The City Manager is hereby authorized and directed to administer the plan and the fund in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Article and
applicable provisions of the personnel code approved by the city council.

Section 70. That section 2.140.350, Eligibility, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.310 and amended to read as follows:

Eligibility.

Except as otherwise provided herein, all benefit-eligible employees (as defined in Article I, Section 2.B of the city’s personnel code), elected officials and retirees of the City, including those employees who retire with KPERS’ disability (collectively “eligible employees”), and their respective dependent family members, shall be entitled to participate in the plan in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in this Article and provisions of the personnel code approved by the city council. No person hired by the City to fill any job or position classified as seasonal or temporary shall be entitled or otherwise eligible to participate in the plan regardless of the number of hours any such seasonal or temporary employee is permitted or required to work during any pay period or combination of pay periods.

Section 71. That section 2.140.360, Plan coverage, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.320 and amended to read as follows:

Plan coverage.

The plan may offer and make available certain “basic health care coverage” and one or more “extended health care coverage” options for medical, vision, dental, prescription drug and other medical expenses voluntary benefits to each eligible employee and his/her dependent family members.
Section 72. That section 2.140.370, Retirees, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.330 and amended to read as follows:

Retirees.

(a) Each person vested under the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System, including KP&F, who is employed by the City and who retires or retired from active employment after December 31, 1988, shall be eligible to receive health care benefits coverage under the plan upon written application filed with the Director of Human Resources within 30 days following retirement of the employee. Retirees and their dependent family members who have coverage under the City’s employees’ group health insurance or self-insurance plan immediately prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this article shall remain covered and eligible to continue such coverage under the plan without filing a written application under this section as a condition of retaining or continuing such coverage.

(ab) Each retiree who elects to obtain or continue health care benefits coverage hereunder shall be required to contribute premium payments to the plan for the basic or extended coverage elected, including the administrative costs thereof, but such contribution shall not exceed the percentage of the premium cost for other similarly situated employees as specified by state law.

(bc) Eligibility for coverage under the plan may cease to be made available upon (1) the retired employee reaching age 65 and/or becoming eligible for Medicare, whichever is later, (2) the retired employee failing to make required premium payments on a timely basis, or (3) the retired employee becoming covered under a health care
benefits plan of another employer.

Section 73. That section 2.140.380, Contributions, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.340 and amended to read as follows:

Contributions.

Contributions by the City and eligible employees, including elected officials and retirees under TMC 2.140.370, for the premium cost of health care benefits coverage under the plan, including the administrative costs thereof, shall be deposited in or credited to the fund as of the date each contribution is made; such contributions to the fund will be made by the City no less frequently than on a monthly basis. Moneys may be paid into or credited to the fund from any source, including transfers from the general fund and/or the operating budget account of any department of the City, which may be lawfully utilized for the provision of group health care benefits, and contributions deposited in or credited to the fund shall not be transferred or otherwise utilized for any other purpose. Interest earned on the investment of contributions or other money paid into or credited to the fund shall be credited to the fund. However, no interest, surplus and/or investment earning credited to the fund shall be utilized to finance any portion of the City’s contributions on behalf of eligible employees.

Section 74. That section 2.140.390, Health care advisory committee, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as § 2.125.350 and amended to read as follows:

Health Care Advisory Committee.

The City hereby establishes a health care advisory committee (the “committee”)

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to review the employees' group health insurance plan and the health insurance fund, including an assessment of operational performance and cost effectiveness, the extent to which the plan and the fund meet the needs of eligible employees, retirees and their dependent family members and any options that may be available to preserve or enhance existing levels of health care coverage while maintaining or reducing its cost to the City, eligible employees and dependent family members.

(a) The committee shall be comprised of the Director of Human Resources, or the director's designee; the Deputy Mayor, or his/her deputy mayor's designee of a current councilmember; three members appointed by the City Manager to serve as representatives of management; one member appointed from each of the City's recognized employee organizations to serve as representatives of employee bargaining units; and one non-bargaining unit/non-supervisory employee and one retiree appointed by the City Manager. The committee shall meet on a schedule as determined by the committee but not less than quarterly and no more than once per month unless a majority of the committee votes to call an additional meeting. The committee shall be afforded access, upon request, to plan design options; to any and all documents and information involving performance and/or administration of the plan and the fund, including any contracts or agreements between the City and any person or entity involving the operation and/or administration of the plan and/or the fund; and to any statistical data (historical, actual and projected) regarding benefit claims, and financial data regarding payments and administrative costs or expenses. Individually identifiable medical information and any records protected from disclosure by state or federal law are specifically excluded from the provisions of this subsection.
(b) To the fullest extent practicable, committee meetings shall be held during normal business hours and each member shall be excused from the performance of other duties, for a period of time not to exceed two hours per meeting, in order to attend such meetings unless a longer meeting is scheduled in advance by the Director of Human Resources.

(c) The Director of Human Resources or the director's designee shall serve as the chairperson of the committee. The chairperson shall schedule and preside at committee meetings and ensure that each member receives written notice of the date, time and place of any committee meeting at least five calendar days prior to the meeting. The committee may appoint, by majority vote of the members, a vice-chairperson and a recording secretary. The vice-chairperson shall preside at any meeting or part of any meeting during the chairperson's absence and the recording secretary shall prepare minutes of each committee meeting. The appointments referenced herein shall be made so that the Director of Human Resources can schedule the committee's first meeting on or before April 6, 2012.

(d) A simple majority of the members appointed to serve on the committee shall constitute a quorum authorized to conduct scheduled committee business, including the approval of recommendations. Any requirement for action shall be based upon a majority vote. In the event of a tie vote, the City Manager shall cast the tie-breaking vote.

(e) Upon a majority vote of the members and whenever deemed necessary or appropriate, the committee shall be authorized to approve and transmit to the City Manager any recommendation or proposal for change that the committee believes will
materially improve the operation, performance and/or administration of the plan and/or the fund on behalf of the City, eligible employees, retirees and dependent family members. However, no later than the first meeting in June of each year, the committee may transmit its recommendations to the City Manager regarding the scope of health care coverage, schedule of benefits and schedule of premiums and recommendation on the RFP process for the selection of the plan administrator(s). Within 20 days, the city manager shall transmit any recommendations received from the health care advisory committee to the city council.

DIVISION 3. BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Section 75. That original Chapter 2.05 TMC, Boards and Commissions, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.205.

Section 76. That original Chapter 2.13 TMC, Citizens Government Review Committee, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.210.

Section 77. That original Chapter 2.40 TMC, Board of Building and Fire Appeals, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.235.

Section 78. That original Chapter 2.45 TMC, Board of Zoning Appeals, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.220.

Section 79. That original Chapter 2.55 TMC, Human Relations Commission, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.255.

Section 80. That original Chapter 2.60 TMC, Landmarks Commission, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.230.
Section 81. That original Chapter 2.65 TMC, Topeka Planning Commission, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.225.

Section 82. That original Chapter 2.70 TMC, Public Building Commission, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.215.

Section 83. That original Chapter 2.75 TMC, Office of the Arts, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.245.

Section 84. That original Chapter 2.80 TMC, Americans with Disabilities Act Advisory Council, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.250.

Section 85. That original Chapter 2.95 TMC, Sustainability Advisory Board, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby renumbered as Chapter 2.240.

Section 86. That original §§ 2.25.030, 2.25.050, 2.25.060, 2.130.010, 2.135.010, 2.135.040, 2.135.050, 2.135.070, 2.135.100, 2.140.020, 2.140.040, 2.140.050, 2.140.060, 2.140.070, 2.140.130, 2.140.140, 2.140.150, 2.140.300, 2.140.310, 2.140.320, 2.140.330, 2.140.340, 2.140.350, 2.140.360, 2.140.370, 2.140.380 and 2.140.390 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, are hereby specifically repealed.

Section 87. That the City’s “Personnel Rules and Regulations” originally approved by Ordinance No. 16404 as the City’s official personnel code is hereby repealed; and that Resolution Nos. 6448, 7758, 7985, 8235 and 8381 amending the Personnel Code are hereby rescinded.

Section 88. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.
Section 89. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 90. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body on September 10, 2019.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk