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**ORDINANCE NO. 20320**

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Brent Trout, concerning Governing Body meetings in January following general municipal elections, amending City of Topeka Code § 2.15.020 and repealing original section.

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

Section 1. That section 2.15.020, Time of Governing Body meetings – To be open to the public, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Time of Governing Body meetings – To be open to the public.**

(a) The Governing Body shall meet in the Council Chambers/Municipal Court complex on the second floor of the municipal building, the first three Tuesdays of each month at 6:00 p.m. ~~except that the Governing Body shall meet on the second Monday, rather than the second Tuesday, in the month of January following the general municipal election.~~

(b) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, when the date of a meeting falls on a legal holiday or any City primary or general election, the meeting may be rescheduled to another day fixed in advance by the Governing Body.

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a meeting may be canceled under any of the following circumstances; provided, that the number of meetings in a month is not less than that required by Appendix A, Section A2-26:

(1) By a majority vote of the Governing Body;

(2) When the Mayor, with the concurrence of the Deputy Mayor, determines that special circumstances exist, including but not limited to the scheduling of a special event or a lack of agenda items; or

30 (3) By the City Manager in the event of inclement weather.

31 Section 2. That original § 2.15.020 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas,  
32 is hereby specifically repealed.

33 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
34 passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

35 Section 4. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules,  
36 or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

37 Section 5. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared  
38 invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this  
39 ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

40 PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council on October 5, 2021.

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48 Michelle De La Isla, Mayor

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53 Brenda Younger, City Clerk