CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 114

A CHARTER ORDINANCE introduced by Deputy Mayor Denise Everhart, amending City of Topeka Code Section A2-24 concerning duties of the mayor.

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

Section 1. Charter Ordinance 98, § 2 codified at TMC § A2-24, Mayor –

Functions, powers and duties, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Mayor – Functions, powers and duties.

(a) The Mayor shall be the chief elected officer of the city, responsible for providing leadership and taking issues to the people and marshalling public interest in and support for municipal activity. The Mayor shall have the following powers, duties, and responsibilities:

The Mayor shall:

(i) Recommend to the Councilgoverning body such measures and legislation as he or she deems necessary and to make such other recommendations to the Council concerning the affairs of the city as he or she finds desirable, but shall not have a vote on any matter before the governing body, except charter ordinances, on any legislation for which state law requires adoption by a majority or such greater vote of the governing body, or as otherwise specifically provided by charter ordinance of the City of Topeka.

(ii) Encourage programs for the physical, economic, social, and cultural development of the city.

(iii) Actively promote economic development to broaden and
strengthen the commercial and employment base of the city.

(iv) Serve as ceremonial head of the city.

(v) Represent the city in intergovernmental relations as directed by the Council.

(vi) Provide community leadership.

(vii) Preside as Chair of Council governing body meetings.

(viii) Have no administrative powers.

(ix) Have general veto power on all council legislation and “line item” veto in all matters of appropriation ordinances, but shall not have authority to veto charter ordinances or any legislation on which the mayor is entitled to vote.

Have the right to vote on all matters, except for ordinances for which state law gives the mayor the right to veto.

(b) This section A2-24 of the charter ordinances of the City of Topeka shall only be amended or repealed upon approval by a majority of the electors voting during an election called for such purpose.

Section 2. That original sections of Charter Ordinances codified as §A2-24 of the Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby specifically repealed.

Section 3. This charter ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper.

Section 4. This is a charter ordinance and its effect is hereby made subject to a vote of the electors of the City of Topeka, Kansas.
PASSED and APPROVED by the Governing Body December 9, 2014.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Larry E. Wolgast, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk

STATEMENT OF MANNER OF ADOPTION OF FOREGOING

The foregoing Charter Ordinance No. 114 was passed on the 9th day of December, 2014, as shown by the minutes, Book 2014 Page 460, by a vote of seven (7) for and two (2) against, being not less than 2/3 of the members-elect of the governing body, published in the Topeka Metro News, the official city newspaper, on the 15th day of December, 2014, and on the 22nd day of December, 2014, being once each week for two consecutive weeks and ordinance mandating an election in order to repeal or amend certain section of the Charter Ordinance, the governing body passed Ordinance No. 19935 on the 9th day of December, 2014, calling an election to be held on said Charter Ordinance on the 7th day of April, 2015, said ordinance begin published in the city’s official newspaper on December 15, 2014; December 22, 2014; and December 29, 2014, being once each week for three (3) consecutive weeks and such election was duly held and a majority of the electors having approved the Charter Ordinance, the Charter Ordinance took effect April 7, 2015.

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk
CERTIFICATE

CITY OF TOPEKA )
COUNTY OF SHAWNEE ) ss:
STATE OF KANSAS )

I, Brenda Younger, City Clerk of the City of Topeka, County of Shawnee, State of Kansas do hereby certify that the above and foregoing, consisting of four (4) typewritten pages, including the page upon which this Certificate is written, is a full true and correct copy of Charter Ordinance No. 114 of the said City of Topeka, that all acts and things required by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas were done and performed in the manner and within the time prescribed and that said Charter Ordinance became effective on the _____ day of ______________, 2015.

Brenda Younger, City Clerk