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ORDINANCE NO. 19385

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Norton N. Bonaparte, Jr., City Manager, amending City of Topeka Code § 42-38 establishing a service fee levy for 2010 relating to the Capital City Downtown Business Improvement District and specifically repealing said original section.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. That section 42-38, Method of raising revenue, of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Method of raising revenue.

(a) The method to be used to raise the funds necessary for the district shall be the levy of service fees upon all businesses located within the district, as defined by K.S.A. 12-1782(b), based on the number of square feet of floor area occupied by each business within the district. For the purposes of this article, the operation of multifamily residential property and the operation of structured parking facilities shall not be considered to be a business.

(b) The service fees assessed shall be as follows:

TABLE INSET:

Number of square feet	Rate per square foot
0—999	\$0.00
1,000 plus	\$0.0525

However, the maximum service fee per business shall be twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) regardless of the number of square feet.

(c) For the purposes of this article, the number of square feet of floor area occupied shall be determined as the total area designated for the exclusive use by the owner or tenants expressed in square feet and measured from the centerline of joint partitions and from outside wall faces. In the case of leased property, square feet of floor area occupied is considered that area for which tenants pay rent. In no event shall square feet of floor area occupied include public toilets, corridors, stairwells, elevators, mechanical equipment rooms, lobbies, mall areas, or hotel sleeping rooms. Further, in no event shall square feet of floor area occupied include area which is unusable, is not occupied due to applicable city codes, or is not in active use by a tenant. In the case of a building occupied by a single business, the gross floor area may be reduced by subtracting the actual measured square footage of excluded areas as defined in this section or by subtracting fifteen (15) percent of the gross floor area, whichever is greater.

(d) Service fees under this section shall be levied for the year ~~2009~~2010 and shall be due and payable in two (2) semiannual installments. Service fees shall be deemed delinquent if not paid within thirty (30) days of the due date provided for the second semiannual installment.

Section 2. That original § 42-38 of The Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby specifically repealed.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body February 23, 2010.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk