

ORDINANCE NO. O-38-25

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR A NEW SECTION IN THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO CODIFY ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND PROCESSES FOR MAJOR UNIFIED GOVERNMENT PARKS & RECREATION INITIATIVES WITHIN KANSAS CITY, KANSAS TO RECEIVE FUNDING FROM THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT'S COMMUNITY BENEFIT ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, on December 7, 2023, the Board of Commissioners of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas adopted a new section in the municipal code to create its Community Benefits Ordinance, codifying a Community Benefits Fund to be funded from fees received from development projects that have received economic development incentives;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners subsequently amended the Community Benefits Ordinance on February 27, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Community Benefits Ordinance, as amended, provides for the eligibility of Unified Government Parks & Recreation capital projects located within Kansas City, Kansas to receive funding from the Community Benefits Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas wishes to adopt a Kansas City, Kansas Parks & Recreation Community Benefits Act to assist its Parks & Recreation Department in its mission to provide clean, safe facilities and well-maintained green spaces for the public to enjoy and make recreation programming available for all.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/ KANSAS CITY, KANSAS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Chapter 25 of the Unified Government Code be amended by the addition of a new section to read as follows:

Sec. 25-90. Kansas City, Kansas Parks & Recreation Community Benefits Act

- (a) *Eligibility Criteria.* Only projects within the jurisdiction or boundaries of the Unified Government of Wyandotte County/Kansas City, Kansas Parks & Recreation Departments located in Kansas City, Kansas are eligible to receive funding under this section.
- (b) *Administration.* The Wyandotte County Parks & Recreation Department shall be responsible for administering this program. The Unified Government Board of Park Commissioners, created by charter ordinance and charter resolution, may provide

recommendations to the Community Benefits Advisory Board created in section 9-20 regarding capital projects located in city parks.

(c) *Eligible Expenditures.* Projects meeting the eligibility requirements contained in this section may be spent on the following eligible expenditures:

1. Capital improvements; and
2. Equipment improvements or purchases.

(d) *Funding Source.*

1. The funding allocation for this program shall be made as provided by section 9-20 of the Unified Government Code as funding in the Community Benefits Fund allows.
2. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the Unified Government from adding additional revenue to this program as deemed necessary by the Board of Commissioners.

(e) *Reporting.* The Unified Government Parks & Recreation Department shall collect the following data regarding allocations under the Kansas City, Kansas Parks & Recreation Community Benefits Act for reporting to the Unified Government Board of Commissioners upon request: the total amount of funding allocated; the number, location, and description of projects funded; and any recommendations for improvements to the program.

Section 2. Effective Date. This amendment shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval, and publication in the official newspaper.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF WYANDOTTE COUNTY/KANSAS CITY, KANSAS,**

THIS 27th DAY OF February 2025.




Tyrone A. Garner, Mayor/CEO

Attest:



Unified Government Clerk

Approved as to Form:



Unified Government Chief Counsel *Acting*



Report to
Planning & Zoning / Regular Commission

FEB 27 2025

CONSENT AGENDA ITEM NO. 9.3

MEETING DATE	PRESENTER	DEPARTMENT
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AGENDA ITEM #9.5.		
ORDINANCE: AUTHORIZING FUNDING FOR UG PARKS AND RECREATION PROJECTS FROM THE COMMUNITY BENEFITS FUND		
BACKGROUND		
An ordinance creating a new section in the Unified Government Code to set out eligibility requirements and processes for funding UG Parks and Recreation projects from the Community Benefits Fund.		
RECOMMENDATION		
Approve		
BUDGET IMPACTS / FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS		
N/A		
IT/POLICY CONSIDERATIONS		
PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS		
LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS		
ATTACHMENTS		
CBO funding for parks capital projects amendment DRAFT 11.25.2024 (2)		

Approved by Mayor and/or Chair and Administrator to add to agenda.