ORDINANCE NO. 18980

AN ORDINANCE introduced by Deputy Mayor Brett Blackburn amending City of Topeka Code § 2-331 concerning the expenditure of monies from the historic asset preservation fund and specifically repealing said original section.

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

Section 1. Topeka City Code § 2-331, Historic asset preservation fund, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Historic asset preservation fund.

There is hereby created in the city a special fund to be known as the historic asset preservation fund. Monies from the city’s general fund, community block grant funds or funds from any other source legally available for such purpose shall be credited to this special fund. Monies so credited may be expended, upon approval by the city manager for the acquisition, rehabilitation and preservation of historic landmarks or historic resources of a public heritage tourism benefit located within the city. Monies shall not be expended on projects that are private or primarily commercial in nature.

Monies deposited into this fund from the transient guest tax shall be expended only on projects of a public heritage tourism benefit located within the city and shall not be expended on projects that are private or primarily commercial in nature, unless open or intended to be open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis. Projects funded by transient guest tax funds shall be subject to the review and recommendation of a committee consisting of the following members:

a. Two members of the Landmarks Commission,
b. Two members of the Topeka Tourism Alliance,
c. Two members of the Topeka and Shawnee County Area “Freedom’s Frontier” Heritage Tourism Alliance, and
d. One member of the Topeka Lodging Association.

The expenditure recommendations of this committee shall be forwarded to the City Council Transient Guest Tax committee for final approval of the expenditures.

Section 2. Original City of Topeka Code § 2-331 is hereby specifically repealed.

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

PASSED and APPROVED by the City Council October 16, 2007.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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ATTEST: William W. Bunten, Mayor

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk