

RESOLUTION NO. 7330

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Lisa Hecht, Lisa Stubbs, and Clark Duffy, sitting as the Topeka City Council Public Health and Safety Committee and Councilmember Gary Price, supporting the efforts of the Topeka Redevelopment Project Review Process (TRPRP) as developed and affirming the use of the process defined herein.

WHEREAS, the Downtown Topeka Redevelopment Plan establishes goals of making code compliance understandable and making the inspection process easier for both contractors and inspection staff; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation Plan recognizes that the unique age and architecture of many existing buildings may make it difficult to rehabilitate them for reuse in conformance with current building codes for new construction; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Code for Building Conservation adopted by the City of Topeka, hereinafter referred to as "City," aids redevelopment of existing antique and historical structures in that it allows for equivalency and alternative concepts which will ensure adequate protection to public safety; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to encourage orderly growth in a manner commensurate with available public resources, the Council recognizes the importance of committing City staff and implementing policies which enable redevelopment in the City; and

WHEREAS, the Topeka Fire Department, the Topeka-Shawnee County Metropolitan Planning Department, the Topeka Public Works Department, Downtown Topeka, Inc. and other entities, after over eighteen (18) months of review, has formed a review team composed of the following members:

- Manager of Development Services/Public Works or designee
- Fire Marshal or designee
- Metro Planner or department designee

- Downtown Topeka, Inc. representative

WHEREAS, the TRPRP team meets weekly to review projects, policies, and procedures and perform on-site visits in an effort to provide a project applicant with an easily understood overview of the City's permitting and inspection process for construction and remodeling; and

WHEREAS, the TRPRP team reviews projects within the geographic area known as the Topeka Redevelopment Project Planning Area, attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and specifically incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the TRPRP team has made a positive impact on redevelopment in the Topeka Redevelopment Project Planning Area and there is a continued need for the TRPRP team in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of Topeka, Kansas that it supports the collective efforts of the TRPRP team.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Topeka supports the TRPRP team's use of the Uniform Code for Building Conservation adopted by City and the development of equivalency and alternative concepts that will ensure the public safety and promote economic development by allowing the preservation and/or rehabilitation of buildings in the downtown area and North Topeka business district.

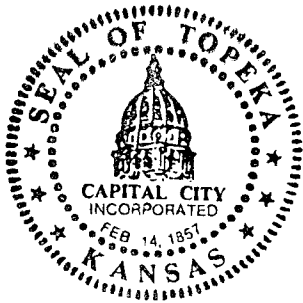
BE IT RESOLVED that the office of the Mayor/Chief Administrative Officer shall explore the possibility of moving the fire inspection component of the TRPRP team to City offices located at 515 Kansas so that all inspection services are located at a single City facility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this Resolution shall become effective upon passage

52 and approval by the City Council.

53 ADOPTED and APPROVED by City Council March 25, 2003.

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ATTEST:

Iris E. Walker
Iris E. Walker, City Clerk

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Harry Felker
Harry Felker, Mayor

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DATE <u>3/24/03</u>	BY <u>BBC</u>