RESOLUTION NO. 7913

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Jeff Preisner concerning the appropriating and authorizing the expenditure of transient guest tax funds.

WHEREAS, City of Topeka Charter Ordinance A15-24 provides that transient guest tax funds may be expended for the following purposes only:

1. To contract with any agency, organization or group of firms to promote conventions and tourism within the city and its environs;
2. To provide for the operation, maintenance, expansion or development of city facilities connected with conventions and tourism;
3. To defray the cost of providing municipal services to convention and tourism functions, including police, fire, street department or park and recreation department functions;
4. To create innovative projects and activities promoting conventions and tourism;
5. To promote the general economic welfare of the city and its environs, including the attraction of industry; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Topeka has approved a Tourism Development Fund Allocation Program that establishes a process for the allocation of transient guest tax funds for attractions and/or events that increase the impact of tourism in Topeka and which have substantial potential to generate overnight visitation; and

WHEREAS, City of Topeka Resolution No. 7253 provides for the allocation of transient guest tax funds annually to the Historic Preservation Fund for projects that
enhance the rich historical heritage of the city, consistent with City of Topeka Code
Section 2-331.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TOPEKA, KANSAS, that, as provided by City of Topeka Charter Ordinance No. A15-24,
transient guest tax funds are hereby appropriated and expenditures authorized as follows:

Visit Topeka, Inc. ...................................................... $800,000.00
Tourism Development Fund Allocation Program ........ $347,500.00
Historic Preservation Fund Transfer ......................... $82,662.00

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council February 6, 2007.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, Interim City Clerk