RESOLUTION NO. 8572

A RESOLUTION introduced by Jim Colson, City Manager, relating to the City of Topeka’s legislative agenda for the 2014 legislative session.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that the following is hereby adopted as the City of Topeka’s legislative agenda for the 2014 legislative session:

- To the extent it is consistent with our priorities and agenda, the City of Topeka supports the League of Kansas Municipalities’ 2014 municipal policy, including (1) opposing any restrictions on the use of state and local public moneys to provide information and advocate on behalf of cities and our citizens; and (2) opposing legislation that would move city elections to the fall or make them partisan in nature.

- Amend K.S.A. 8-1590 to remove the provision that prohibits bicyclists from riding on roads if there is a ‘usable path’ for bicycles adjacent to the road.

- Support review and discussion of tax policy in Kansas, but opposes changes, which would negatively impact or shift state responsibilities to the local units of government.

- Oppose the reduction or elimination of motor fuel tax payments to local municipalities.

- Support the expansion of the Moderate Income Housing Program to larger sized cities.

- Eliminate the dual majority requirement of K.S.A. 12-352(e) which prohibits adoption of city/county consolidation unless a majority of electors residing in the
City of Topeka and a majority of electors residing outside the City limits vote in favor of the proposed consolidation plan.

- Support legislation that streamlines the process for securing payment from property owners who have delinquent property taxes, code violations and related problems that lead to blight and negatively impact property values and neighborhood safety.

- Support 2013 House Bill 2075 which would allow the City to take possession of abandoned homes through a judicial quit claim deed and sell the home or repurpose it for community development purposes.

- Support legislation to repeal filing notice of appeal of a municipal court conviction with the clerk of the municipal court.

- Support legislation that encourages economic development in cities.

- Support comprehensive transportation program (T-WORKS).

- Oppose efforts to redefine certain real property as machinery and equipment.

- Support the continued operation of Kansas Neurological Institute.

- Support the continued development and promotion of the Capitol Complex and State operations in downtown Topeka.

- Support stricter regulation of the sale and purchase of salvage and scrap materials.

- Support the development of Amtrak in the Midwest to include state funding initiatives for continuation of the current Southwest Chief route and for the extension of the Heartland Flyer route.

- Oppose efforts to repeal the mortgage registration fee.
• Supports a partnership encouraging a state initiative to develop tourism in the
  Capital City.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council December 3, 2013.

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Larry E. Wolgast, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk