RESOLUTION NO. 8660

A RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Jim Colson, relating to the City of Topeka’s legislative agenda for the 2015 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 2015 legislative session:

- Support legislation 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.

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

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

- To the extent it is consistent with our priorities and agenda, the City of Topeka supports the League of Kansas Municipalities’ 2015 municipal policy, including opposing any restrictions on the use of state and local public moneys to provide information and advocate on behalf of cities and our citizens.

- 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 for city elections to remain non-partisan and separate from state and national elections, and for cities to continue to determine when elections are held.

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

• 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 efforts to advocate for the State Capitol’s nomination as a World Heritage site.

• Support efforts to facilitate public tours of the State Capitol on the weekends.

• Support legislation that would reduce the local retailer sales tax minimum increment to .05%

• Support legislation that would increase the interest rate for property tax delinquencies

• Support the expansion of Medicaid

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council December 9, 2014.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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Larry E. Wolgast, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk