

- 23 • Propose and support legislation that provides a consistent means, such as but not
24 limited to, a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) for the State of Kansas and other
25 tax-exempt governmental entities to financially assist equitably and reasonably in
26 citywide infrastructure improvements, as well as enhancements to the downtown
27 area.
- 28 • Enhance/preserve the state's program of economic development tools.
- 29 • Oppose any state imposed local tax/spending lids.
- 30 • Support efforts to achieve a fully funded public employee retirement system within a
31 reasonable period of time and monitor legislation related to KPERS and KPFRS that
32 might impact cities.
- 33 • To the extent consistent with the goals of the City of Topeka, support the 2009
34 Legislative Priorities of the League of Kansas Municipalities.
- 35 • Support institution of statewide building codes to provide for uniformity across
36 jurisdictions.
- 37 • Support institution of statewide licensing for building trades (one license allows
38 tradesmen to work anywhere in the state).
- 39 • Support legislation that amends suspended driver's license statutes to allow for
40 more cost effective and reasonable enforcement of and penalties for violations.
- 41 • Support legislation providing first-class cities the opportunity of levying an earnings
42 tax to have commuters help pay for local city/county services thus reducing local
43 property tax burden for cities/counties.
- 44 • Continued support of Star Bond programs. Cities should have the ability to utilize
45 STAR bonds in order to promote economic development in their communities.

- 46 • Support the Streamlined Sales Tax Project, including a local compensating use
47 component. Cities should be able to determine local sales and use tax rates.
- 48 • Support increased funding for the Juvenile Justice Authority (JJA).
- 49 • Explore partnerships between the City, County, and Legislature to repair or replace
50 infrastructure in the Downtown area.
- 51 • Support increased federal and state funding for local mass transit.
- 52 • Prepare and introduce with the assistance of the League of Kansas Municipalities
53 and the City's lobbyist legislation relating to the City and those similarly situated for
54 the following:
- 55 -To provide cities the authority to establish administrative enforcement of zoning
56 violations in addition to criminal prosecution.
- 57 -To provide to cities the authority to assess real estate for unpaid utility fees for
58 rental properties and provide cities the authority to assess for unpaid
59 stormwater charges.
- 60 -To renew the 911 tax that will sunset on July 1, 2009.
- 61 -To require scrap metal dealers to keep detailed records of all scrap metal
62 received including identification (i.e. name, address, phone number) of the
63 person who sold the metal to the dealer.
- 64 -To permit the City to acquire real estate sold at a tax foreclosure sale and to
65 place said real estate in a land bank intended for future City use or for
66 conveyance to a third party.
- 67 -To amend the STAR (sales tax and revenue) bond statute to reduce the
68 required capital investment and projected gross annual sales from \$50,000,000

- 69 each to \$25,000,000 each to implement a project plan for the development of
70 the established STAR bond project district.
- 71 -To raise interest rates on unpaid property taxes.
- 72 -To reinstate the Local Ad Valorem Tax Reduction Fund.
- 73 -To reinstate the City/County Revenue Sharing Program.
- 74 -To urge the Legislature to support mass transit opportunities including
75 enhancement/preservation of rail and passenger service in Topeka.
- 76 -To require incarceration costs to be paid by counties instead of municipalities.
- 77 -To amend the Riverfront Authority legislation to change the monthly meeting
78 requirement to meet at the request of the Chair, or at least one time per
79 quarter.
- 80 -To urge the Legislature to support the enhancement/preservation of the final
81 resting place of Charles Curtis, the first vice president from a state west of the
82 Mississippi and the first of Native American ancestry.

83 ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council October 28, 2008.

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