RESOLUTION NO. 8242

A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmembers Bob Archer, Deborah Swank and Richard Harmon, sitting as the Policy and Finance Committee, establishing certain guidelines relating to petitions for public improvements projects.

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka is committed to the high quality and balanced growth and development of the community while broadening and diversifying the tax base; and

WHEREAS, prominent developers have expressed that the City of Topeka is easy to do business with and the petition process for special assessment projects is relatively streamlined; and

WHEREAS, the City of Topeka finds it in the best interest of the public to establish certain guidelines for the management and control of projects paid for by special assessment, which will assist the City Council in its consideration of petitions for public improvements pursuant to K.S.A. 12-6a01 *et seq*., as may be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS that:

Section 1. The City of Topeka desires to support development through public improvement projects paid for by special assessment in order to help the City grow and to help provide affordable housing for citizens.

Section 2. The following guidelines are hereby established for the management and control of public improvement projects paid for by special assessment:

- The City shall require the developer to disclose whether the developer has any financial interest in any property with delinquent special assessments located in the corporate limits of the City or the City's three mile extraterritorial jurisdiction.
- The Council may, at its discretion, refer to the Policy and Finance Committee any legislation to authorize large public improvement projects or projects which are contiguous to the City or other development. The Planning Department shall provide analysis and recommendation to the Policy and Finance Committee which will make a report or recommendation to the Council.
- All public improvement projects which qualify under K.S.A. 12-6a01 *et seq*., as may be amended, are eligible for consideration by the City Council on a case by case basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this resolution are hereby rescinded or repealed. Should any section, clause or phrase of this resolution be declared to be invalid by a competent court of law, the same shall not affect the validity of this resolution as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the City Council March 9, 2010.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

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William W. Bunten, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brenda Younger, City Clerk