

**ORDINANCE NO. 9722**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS,  
ESTABLISHING THE LAWRENCE MULTI-MODAL  
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS:**

**SECTION 1.** Resolution No. 7172 of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, is hereby repealed in its entirety, it being the intent of the Governing Body that Section 2 of this Ordinance supersede it.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 1, Article 16 of the Code of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, 2018 Edition, and amendments thereto, is hereby enacted to read as follows:

**1-1601      PURPOSE.**

In order to advance the health, safety, and welfare of all residents of the City of Lawrence, the Governing Body encourages strong multi-modal transportation planning. Multi-modal transportation planning facilitates access to transportation for **all** residents of the community and has been shown to be an effective tool in reducing energy dependency and traffic congestion. To those ends, to assist it in multi-modal transportation planning, the Governing Body finds that it is in the best interest of all residents of the City of Lawrence to establish the Lawrence Multi-Modal Transportation Commission.

**1-1602      LAWRENCE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION;  
ESTABLISHMENT; MEMBERSHIP; TERMS OF OFFICE; APPOINTMENT OF  
CHAIR.**

- (a) There is hereby established the Lawrence Multi-Modal Transportation Commission ("Commission"). The Commission shall be composed of nine (9) members.

The Mayor, with approval of the Governing Body, shall appoint nine (9) members to the Commission, all of whom shall be residents of the City, with interest, experience and/or background in multi-modal Transportation.

- (b) Members of the Commission shall serve three (3) year terms, except when appointed to complete an unexpired term. As established by the bylaws, the terms of Commission members shall be staggered so that no more than one-third of the Commission's terms shall expire each year. No member shall serve more than two consecutive full three-year terms. Terms of less than three years shall not count toward the term limits. All members of the Commission shall serve without compensation.
- (c) The Commission shall elect annually a member of the Commission to serve as Chair, who shall preside at meetings.
- (d) The Commission shall elect annually a member of the Commission to serve as Vice-chair, who shall preside at meetings in the absence of the Chair.

**1-1603      SAME; VACANCIES.**

Vacancies on the Commission shall be filled by the Mayor with the approval of the Governing Body. Such vacancies shall be filled as soon as practicable.

1-1604 **SAME; BYLAWS AND MEETINGS.**

The Commission shall adopt bylaws governing the procedures to be used by the Commission. The bylaws shall establish specific duties and responsibilities of the Chair and Vice-chair, the time and place for meetings (at least once per month), rules of order, and other rules governing procedures and operations of the Commission, including procedures for amending the bylaws.

1-1605 **QUORUM.**

A quorum shall consist of five (5) members of the Commission. No official business of the Commission may be conducted without a quorum present.

1-1606 **SAME; CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

All Commission members shall, by abstention, refrain from participating in the decision-making process, including discussing and voting, on any item for which he or she or his or her employer appears before the Commission and would receive direct financial benefit if the item was to be approved by the Governing Body.

1-1607 **SAME; MINUTES.**

The Commission shall prepare and approve minutes of its meetings and shall forward the same to the Governing Body.

1-1608 **SAME; OPEN MEETINGS AND OPEN RECORDS.**

All meetings of the Commission shall be held in compliance with the Kansas Open Meetings Act of 1972, codified as amended at K.S.A. 75-4317 *et seq.*, and its records shall be subject to the Kansas Open Records Act of 1984, codified as amended at K.S.A. 45-215 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto.

1-1609 **SAME; RESPONSIBILITIES.**

The Commission shall operate as an advisory board to the Governing Body on all matters relating to multimodal transportation planning and related transportation decision-making. The Commission shall have the following responsibilities:

- (a) To make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding implementation of its Complete Streets policy;
- (b) To make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the priority, location, and design of transportation facilities;
- (c) To make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding the expenditure of capital funds for transportation-related projects and programs;
- (d) To make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding expenditures of funds for the repair and maintenance of transportation projects and programs;

- (e) To make recommendations to the Governing Body regarding ordinances, policies, and programs regarding transportation planning, transportation, and transportation safety; and
- (f) To perform other specific functions and duties and to make recommendations on other matters, as directed by the Governing Body from time to time.

**SECTION 3.** If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is found to be unconstitutional or is otherwise held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of any remaining parts of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4.** This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect following its adoption and publication as provided by law.

**PASSED** by the Governing Body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

**APPROVED:**

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Lisa Larsen  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Sherri Riedemann  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Toni R. Wheeler  
City Attorney