



***Resolution in Support of a  
New Downtown Baseball Stadium for the Kansas City Royals***

**Whereas**, the Kansas City Royals have determined that their current location at Kauffman Stadium no longer meets their long-term needs and objectives;

**Whereas**, a new baseball stadium and district in Downtown Kansas City best meets the Royals' stated three criteria that would guide the search for a new home: real and measurable community impact, economic growth, and an enhanced quality of life for the citizens of our region, with an emphasis on historically under-represented members of our community;

**Whereas**, a new baseball stadium in Downtown Kansas City would provide tremendous economic development opportunities in the immediate vicinity of the stadium, including the construction of new office buildings, hotels, retail businesses, residential structures, and other projects;

**Whereas**, a new downtown baseball stadium would produce hundreds of construction and permanent jobs in our community while creating apprenticeship placement and direct job opportunities and boosting support for minority small business entrepreneurs;

**Whereas**, a new downtown baseball stadium would provide unsurpassed ease of access for all our citizens and deliver the greatest opportunity to help bridge social gaps in our community through well-designed programming partnerships;

**Whereas**, a new downtown baseball stadium would greatly assist the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jackson County in their efforts to attract new office employers and a greater number of tourists and hotel guests and to support existing restaurants, and entertainment venues;

**Whereas**, a new downtown baseball stadium would significantly enhance the value of the Royals' franchise through increased attendance, stronger ticket and suite sales, and a better overall fan experience;

**Whereas**, Downtown Kansas City, Missouri has available sites that can accommodate the development of both a stadium and peripheral development, conveniently served by the KC Streetcar system, with access to the interstates and other major arterial roads, and with thousands of existing parking spaces within walking distance;

**Whereas**, the development of a new baseball stadium is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for both the Royals and the City to establish an iconic landmark that would not only elevate the status of the team and the City but would uplift regional pride, leading to greater attraction and retention of future generations of talented Kansas Citizens;

**Whereas**, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, and Jackson County face very real competition from other municipalities, counties, and states who are vying to attract the Royals, and that outside competition cannot be ignored and requires the City and County to put forth a competitive economic proposal for a new stadium for the Royals; and,

**Whereas**, a new baseball stadium would be a major addition to the City's infrastructure requiring a significant public-private partnership between the Royals and governmental entities (the City, County, Port KC, and State).

**Now therefore, be it resolved**, that the Downtown Council of Kansas City:

1. Urges the Royals to submit a comprehensive stadium development plan, including any requests for public assistance, for review and approval by all relevant regulatory entities at their earliest opportunity;
2. Urges the City, Jackson County, Port KC, State, and any additional entities required to act expeditiously to review and approve the Royals development plan, including reasonable and necessary economic development incentives requested by the Royals;
3. Urges the City to work collaboratively with Jackson County, Port KC, the State of Missouri, and others to pursue any and all reasonable economic development tools at their disposal to address the needs of the Royals;
4. Urges the City to proactively prepare and advocate a comprehensive stadium development plan that includes ancillary development benefits, and incentives in collaboration with the State of Missouri, the Royals, the citizens of Kansas City, and sports fans in the region to be presented to the Royals to highlight the benefits of downtown baseball.
5. Urges the Royals and the City to establish an aggressive yet realistic timeline to finalize a development agreement between the Royals and the City and/or the County, Port KC, State, or economic development agency(ies).

**RESOLVED**, this 20th day of February 2025, by the Executive Committee of the Downtown Council.



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E. Gibson Kerr, Chair



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William Dietrich, President & CEO