

1 RESOLUTION NO. _____
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3 A RESOLUTION introduced by Councilmember Spencer Duncan on behalf of
4 the citizens of Topeka urging all taxing entities, including the
5 State of Kansas and City of Topeka, to keep mill levies at the
6 lowest possible rates.
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8 WHEREAS, the citizens of Topeka are facing rising costs including property taxes
9 and inflation; and

10 WHEREAS, fairer appraisal processes are essential to alleviate the burden on
11 property owners within the city; and

12 WHEREAS, it is imperative for the State of Kansas to take immediate action to
13 address this pressing issue; and

14 WHEREAS, the City of Topeka urges the State of Kansas to update the appraisal
15 process to ease the uncertainty of valuations; and

16 WHEREAS, property taxes are assessed by multiple government entities in
17 Shawnee County including the County, School Districts, the State of Kansas, a public
18 library, Washburn University, the Airport Authority, the Transit Authority, and the City; and

19 WHEREAS, it is crucial for all taxing entities to recognize the enormous impact
20 property taxes have on homeowners and take steps to mitigate this impact.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE
22 CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS, that:

23 1. The City of Topeka asks the State of Kansas to undertake a comprehensive
24 examination of and update the appraisal process to be fairer and more equitable.

25 2. The City of Topeka calls upon all taxing entities to acknowledge the strain
26 placed on homeowners by rising property tax rates, and work during their budget
27 processes to keep mill levies at the lowest possible rates. This includes the City of Topeka.

3. The City of Topeka urges the State of Kansas to apply the same rules to itself which it demands of local governments, including holding Revenue Neutral Hearings, work to lower its mill levy and keep its budget from outpacing inflation.

4. The City Clerk is directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Governor of Kansas, members of the Kansas State Legislature representing Topeka, and other relevant authorities.

ADOPTED and APPROVED by the Governing Body on_____.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk