



# CITY OF TOPEKA

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## MEMORANDUM

To: Public Infrastructure Committee  
From: Amanda Stanley  
Re: Rural Housing Incentive Districts  
Date: September 16, 2022

The City Manager tasked me with spearheading the development of policies and procedures for the Committee to consider for Rural Housing Incentive Districts (RHID). The City of Topeka was added to the statute as part of the 2022 legislative session and the law went into effect July 1, 2022. See K.S.A. 12-5241 et seq.

Following a presentation to the Governing Body on August 9, 2022 explaining the new law, staff was asked to investigate what the next steps would be for developing one or more RHIDs in our community. The attached policies and procedures evolved out of that investigation.

The goal of today is to introduce the policies to the Committee and the public in order to solicit feedback over the next few weeks on what works in the policies, what needs tweaks, what is missing, etc. As there is significant interest in this program from local developers, staff's goal is to move quickly in developing policies and procedures by soliciting feedback early in the process so the final product can best suit our community.

In developing these policies city staff and the city's financial advisor spoke extensively with the Department of Commerce, city attorneys from other communities who utilize RHIDs, and reviewed policies from other Kansas cities.

Attachments: Rural Housing Incentive District Policy Draft v1

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