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Introduction

This Plan is intended to promote the revitalization of the inner urban area hereinafter described as the Neighborhood Revitalization Area (NRA) of the City of Topeka through the rehabilitation, conservation and redevelopment of the area in order to protect the public health, safety welfare of the residents of the City. More specifically, in accordance with KSA 12-17, 118 (d), a tax rebate incentive will be available to property owners for certain improvements that raise the appraised value of residential property 10% and commercial property 20%.

In accordance with KSA 12-17, 114 et. seq., the Governing Body has held a public hearing and considered the existing conditions and alternatives with respect to the described area, the criteria and standards for a tax rebate and the necessity for interlocal cooperation among the other taxing units (City of Topeka, Shawnee County, USD 501 (Topeka), USD 345 (Seaman), USD 450 (Shawnee Heights), USD 437 (Auburn-Washburn Rural), Washburn University, Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library, Topeka Metropolitan Transit Authority (TMTA), Metropolitan Topeka Airport Authority (MTAA). Accordingly, the Governing Body has reviewed, evaluated, and found that the described area meets one or more of the conditions contained in KSA 12-17,115 (c).

1. An area in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements which by reason of dilapidation, deterioration, obsolescence, inadequate provision for ventilation, light, air, sanitation, or open spaces, high density of population and overcrowding, the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes or a combination of such factors, is conducive to ill health, transmission of disease, infant mortality, juvenile delinquency or crime and which is detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare;
2. An area which by reason of the presence of a substantial number of deteriorated or deteriorating structures, defective or inadequate streets, incompatible land use relationships, faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy, accessibility or usefulness, unsanitary or unsafe conditions, deterioration of site or other improvements, diversity of ownership, tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the actual value of the land, defective or unusual conditions of title, or the existence of conditions which endanger life or property by fire and other causes, or a combination of such factors, substantially impairs or arrests the sound growth of a municipality, retards the provision of housing accommodations or constitutes an economic or social liability and is detrimental to the public health, safety or welfare in its present condition and use; or

3. An area in which there is a predominance of buildings or improvements which by reason of age, history, architecture or significance should be preserved or restored to productive use.

Furthermore, the Governing Body may declare a building outside of a NRA to be a “dilapidated structure” if the structure satisfies the following definition KSA 12-17,115(a): "Dilapidated structure" means a residence or other building which is in deteriorating condition by reason of obsolescence, inadequate provision of ventilation, light, air or structural integrity or is otherwise in a condition detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of its inhabitants or a residence or other building which is in deteriorating condition and because of age, architecture, history or significance is worthy of preservation.

The boundary of the proposed NRA is intended to reflect the City’s most investment-challenged and deteriorated areas as determined by the City’s Neighborhood Health Map. The NRA includes all designated “Intensive Care” and “At Risk” Census block groups based on the most recent update of the health map in 2017. These areas are deemed to qualify under all of the above criteria (KSA 12-17, 115 (c)).

In addition, some parts of the proposed NRA are outside At Risk/Intensive Care designations. Those areas are included because they either: 1) have been historically “At Risk” since 2000, 2) are part of infill subdivisions or redevelopment areas that were dependent upon and approved under the City’s past Neighborhood Revitalization Plans, 3) are part of minor boundary rounding to make the NRA as contiguous and orderly as possible, or 4) otherwise would qualify under the above criteria (KSA 12-17, 115 (c)). Taken as a whole, the proposed NRA meets legislative and statutory intent of KSA 12-17, 115 (c).

Any boundary expansions should be consistent with the above criteria and the State’s Attorney General’s opinion issued in 1996 which determined that the intent of the legislation was aimed at neighborhood stabilization and preventing deterioration in the central section of the city or more specifically, neighborhoods. The opinion concludes that the governing body must make a finding that the area meets one of the conditions listed in KSA 12-17, 115 (c), that rehabilitation of the

area is necessary to protect the welfare of the municipalities' residents, and that the area should not include the entire municipality.

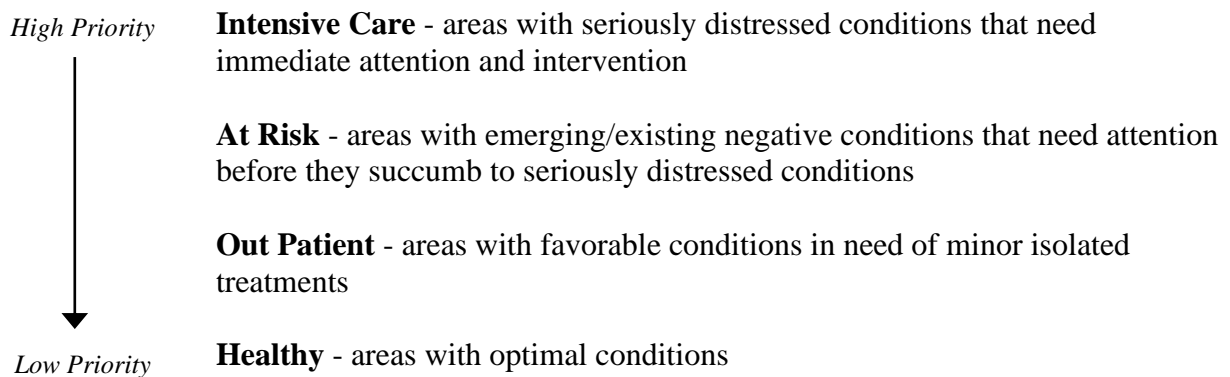
As a matter of policy, the City of Topeka's NRA is also proposed to be limited in scope to the above areas in order to promote a streamlined and administrative "but for" policy. The inherent presumption of this Plan is that necessary private investments would not occur in these areas "but for" the incentives offered under the Plan. Incentives are approved administratively by City of Topeka staff upon application by the property owner without further proof of need for the incentives. In order to enforce this assumption, the Plan puts forth thresholds for application deadlines to ensure the applicant knew about the program prior to construction and that the investment must create an impactful value increase.

Therefore, this Plan finds the proposed areas are most legally justifiable under State law and provides for a streamlined "but for" test to revitalize the City's most deteriorated sections.

PART 1

DESCRIPTION OF NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA

The Neighborhood Revitalization Area (Map #1) in general follows the boundaries of *Intensive Care* and *At Risk* neighborhoods as identified in the City of Topeka Neighborhood Health Map. This map most recently updated in 2023, establishes four (4) health classifications for neighborhoods (intensive care, at risk, out patient, and healthy) to determine priorities for re-investment and planning assistance. They are described below in order of priority:



The four health classifications were based on five (5) vital signs that measured the relative health of all neighborhood areas in Topeka. This neighborhood health assessment was used to develop a “triage” approach to revitalization. Those areas that had more “life-threatening” or urgent needs as measured by the vital signs should receive higher priority for treatment over those areas with less urgent needs. These higher priority areas (*intensive care/at risk*) are the focus for neighborhood planning efforts and public re-investment. A summary of the vital signs include:

Poverty (2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S Census) - High concentrations of poverty are one of the most reliable indicators of performance in school, crime rates, family fragmentation, job readiness, housing conditions, etc.

Public Safety (January 2022 – December 2023, Topeka Police Dept.) – Public Safety, as measured by number of Part 1 crimes reported for the last two full years, is a symptom indicating the local environmental conditions conducive to crime and how well a neighborhood is organized to prevent crime from occurring.

Residential Property Values (July 2023, Shawnee County Appraisers Office) – Property values are in part a reflection of the quality of housing supply and the image of a neighborhood. The median value of a house purchased in Shawnee County was \$122,000 in 2018 (Topeka Association of Realtors).

Single Family Housing Tenure (July 2023 Shawnee County Appraisers Office)

The percentage of homeowners residing in a neighborhood can be an indication of the willingness (or confidence) to invest in the area. The most relevant measure of this is how many single-family dwellings are owner-occupied since these homes were primarily built for individual ownership.

Secured Houses & Unsafe Structures (2023 City of Topeka Special Structures Unit) - A secured house is one of the most evident physical displays that will undermine confidence in an area for investment and precipitates a downward spiral for the block and/or neighborhood.

Vital Sign Ranges (2023)

Neighborhood Health Composite (avg. score)	% of Persons Below Poverty Level (score)	Part 1 Crimes per 100 Persons (score)	Average Residential Property Values (score)	% Owner Occupied Housing Units (score)	Number of Secured and Unsafe Structures Per 100 Properties (score)
Healthy (3.3 - 4.0)	2023: 0 - 9% (4)	0 - 12 (4)	2023: \$134,451 and ↑ (4)	70 - 100% (4)	2023: 0 (4)
Out Patient (2.7 - 3.2)	2023: 10 - 18% (3)	13 - 18 (3)	2023: \$87,447 - \$134,450 (3)	50 - 69% (3)	2023: 0.01 - 0.75 (3)
At Risk (1.9 - 2.6)	2023: 19 - 30% (2)	19 - 28 (2)	2023: \$51,960 - \$87,446 (2)	34 - 49% (2)	2023: 0.76 - 1.75 (2)
Intensive Care (1.0 - 1.8)	2023: 31 - 100% (1)	29 + (1)	2023: \$51,959 and ↓ (1)	0 - 33% (1)	2023: 1.76 and ↑ (1)

Area Profile

Health rankings are determined by averaging all vital sign levels for each neighborhood area. *Intensive care* and *at risk* neighborhoods have the lowest vital sign measurements, and hence are the primary focus of the Neighborhood Revitalization (NR) Area. Below is a comparison profile of the NR Area and non-NR Area

Total Primary Neighborhood Revitalization Area 2023					
Health Rating	Part 1 Crimes per 100 persons	% of Persons Below Poverty Level	% Owner Occupied Single Family Housing units	Secured & Unsafe Structures	Average Residential Property Values
Intensive Care	35	38.5%	43.4%	2.024	\$67,448
At Risk	18	29.1%	47.3%	1.050	\$74,156
Out Patient	10	11.1%	57.5%	0.878	\$90,930
Total Primary NR Area	19	25.9%	49.5%	1.160	\$77,316

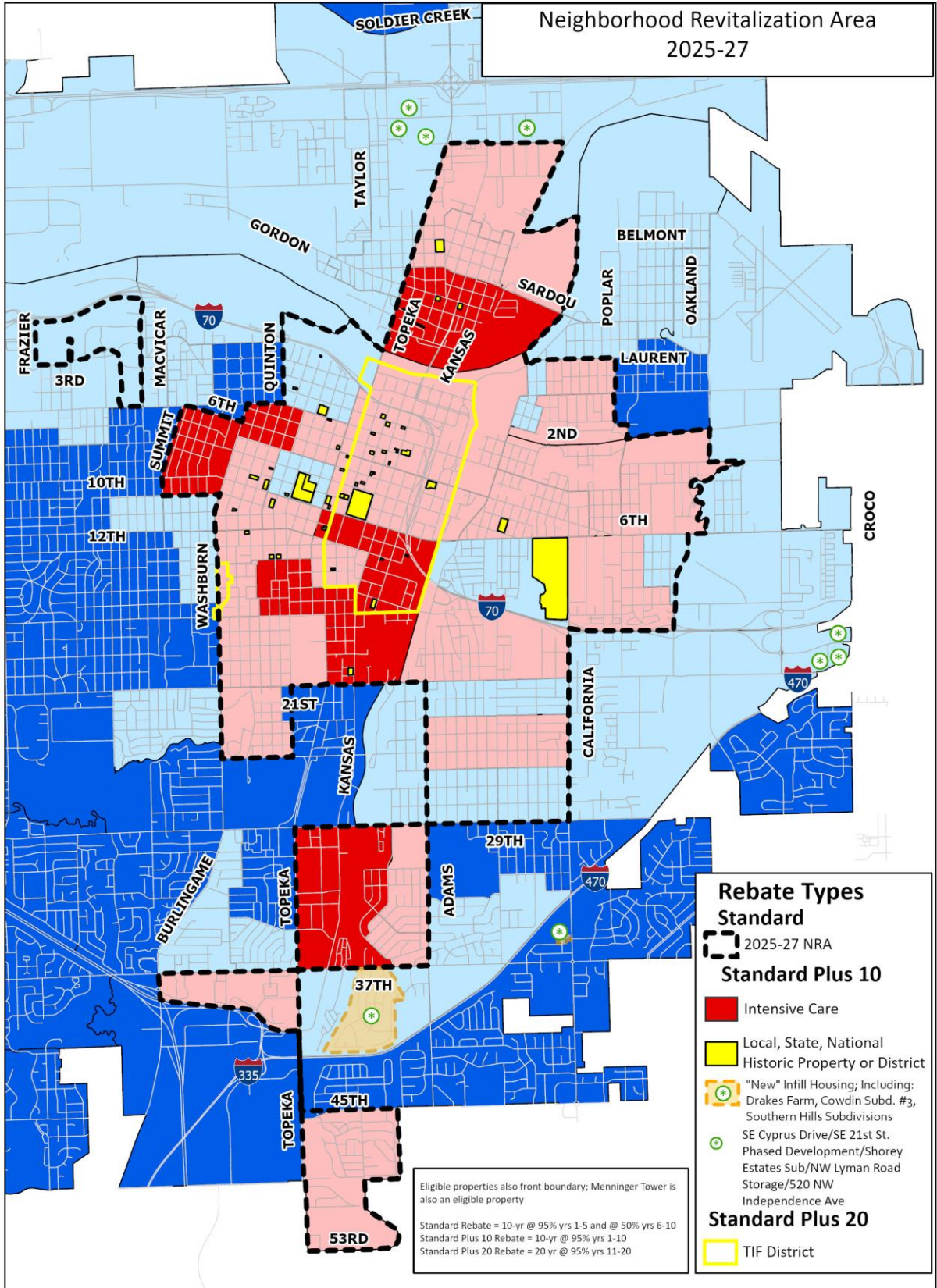
Total Non Neighborhood Revitalization Area 2023					
Health Rating	Part 1 Crimes per 100 persons	% of Persons Below Poverty Level	% Owner Occupied Single Family Housing units	Secured & Unsafe Structures	Average Residential Property Values
Out Patient	11	17.7%	61.8%	0.56	\$115,743
Healthy	5	8.7%	79.7%	0.13	\$212,709
Total Non NR Area	7	10.6%	75.3	0.25	\$189,507

General Characteristics 2023						
Area	Square Miles	% of Total	#of Parcels	% Total	Vacant Parcels	% Total
Intensive Care	2.46	3.9%	2,587	5.1%	417	10.2%
At Risk	7.59	12.0%	8,438	16.5%	1,186	29.1%
Out Patient	1.85	2.9%	2,510	4.9%	370	9.1%
Kanza/ USD 501	0.3	0.5%	29	0.06%	3	0.07%
Total NR AREA	12.15	19.3%	13,535	26.5%	1,973	48.4%
Non-NR Area	50.95	80.7%	37,612	73.5%	2,107	51.6%
Total (All Topeka)	63.1	100%	51,147	100%	4,080	100%

General Characteristics 2023						
Area	2022 Population	% of Total	Total Housing Units (2018 - 2022 ACS)	% of Total	Real Property Valuation (2023)	% of Total
Intensive Care (Primary)	4,595	3.6%	2,221	3.7%	\$588,646,970	6.4%
At Risk (Primary)	20,732	16.4%	10,349	17.3%	\$1,317,793,490	14.2%
Out Patient (Primary)	8,370	6.6%	3,906	6.5%	\$261,039,450	2.8%
Total NR Area	33,697	26.7%	16,476	27.5%	\$2,167,479,910	23.4%
Non NR Area	92,734	73.3%	43,511	72.5%	\$9,268,928,010	100.0%
Total (All Topeka)	126,431	100.0%	59,987	100.0%	11,436,407,920	100.0%

Summary

- The primary NR Area comprises only 19.3% of the land area of Topeka, but contains approximately 48.4% of all vacant parcels in the City.
- The poverty rate in the primary NR Area is two and a half times the poverty rate of the non-NR Area.
- Average residential property values are nearly 145% greater outside of the NR Area than within its boundaries.
- The homeownership rate is substantially greater outside of the primary NR Area boundary (75.3% versus 49.5%).
- 63% of all secured and unsafe structures in the City are located within the NR Area boundary yet only constitute 27.5% of all housing units in the city



LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF
Neighborhood Revitalization Area
MAY 2024

PRIMARY AREA

Beginning at the intersection of the NW Topeka Boulevard and NW Independence Avenue; thence easterly along NW Independence Avenue to its intersection with N Kansas Avenue; thence continuing easterly along NE Independence Avenue to its intersection with NE Meriden Road; thence Southerly along Meriden Road to its intersection with NE Grantville Road; thence southerly along said NE Grantville Road to its intersection with Old Soldier Creek channel; thence easterly along Old Soldier Creek channel to its intersection with the Kansas River; thence southerly along the Kansas River to its intersection with northerly extension of NE Chandler Street; thence southerly along said extension of NE Chandler Street to its intersection with NE River Road; thence northeasterly along NE River Road to its intersection with NE Division Street; thence easterly along NE Division Street to its intersection with NE Sumner Street; thence southerly along NE Sumner Street to its intersection with NE Seward Avenue; thence westerly along NE Seward Avenue to its intersection with Sumner Street; thence Southerly along Sumner Street to its intersection of NE Florence Avenue; thence easterly along NE Florence Avenue to its intersection with NE Golden Avenue; thence southerly along NE Golden Avenue to its intersection with the Mainline Track of the Burlington Northern - Santa Fe Railway; thence easterly along said Mainline Track to its intersection with the East line of the Northeast Quarter of Section 33, Township 11 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M.; thence southerly along said East Line to its intersection with SE 2nd Street; thence easterly along SE 2nd Street to its intersection with Deer Creek; thence southerly along Deer Creek to its intersection with SE 6th Avenue; thence westerly along SE 6th Avenue to its intersection with SE Deer Creek Parkway; thence southerly along SE Deer Creek Parkway to its intersection with Interstate Highway 70; thence westerly along Interstate Highway 70 to its intersection with SE California Avenue; thence southerly along SE California Avenue to its intersection with the Centerline of SE 29th Street; thence westerly along SE 29th Street to its intersection with SE Adams Street; thence southerly along SE Adams Street to its intersection with SE 37th Street; thence westerly along SE 37th and SW 37th Street to its intersection with SW Topeka Boulevard; thence southerly along SW Topeka Boulevard to the Northwest corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 30 Township 12 South Range 16 East of the 6th P.M.; thence easterly along the North Line of said Section 30 to the Northeast corner of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 30; thence southerly along the East line of said West Half to the Southeast corner of said West Half; thence westerly along the South line of said West Half to the Southwest corner of said Northeast Quarter; thence southerly along the East line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 30 to its intersection with the southwesterly right of way line of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, as recorded in Book 4251, page 621; thence South 54 degrees 38 minutes 32 seconds East, 1304.94 feet along said right of way line; thence southeasterly and southwesterly along said right of way line, 1020.98 feet along the arc of a curve to the right, having a radius of 419.28 feet with a chord which bears South 21 degrees 57 minutes 15 seconds West, 786.78 feet; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 28 seconds West, 132.83 feet along said right of way line; thence westerly along said right of way line, 249.10 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, having a radius of 613.69 feet with a chord which bears South 77 degrees 55 minutes 31 seconds West, 247.40 feet to the North right of way line of SE 53rd Street; thence South 89 degrees 35 minutes 28 seconds West, 368.63 feet along the North right of way of SE 53rd Street; thence southerly to the South line of Section

30; thence westerly along the South line of Section 30 to SW Topeka Boulevard; thence northerly along Topeka Boulevard to its intersection of Interstate Highway 470; thence westerly along Interstate Highway 470 to its intersection with Burlingame Road; thence northerly along Burlingame Road to its intersection with SW 37th Street; thence Easterly along SW 37th Street to its intersection with Topeka Boulevard; thence northerly along Topeka Boulevard to its intersection with SW 29th Street; thence Easterly along SW 29th Street and SE 29th Street to its intersection with SE Adams Street; thence northerly along SE Adams Street to its intersection with SE 21st Street; thence westerly along SE 21st Street and SW 21st Street to the Northwest Corner of the Northwest Quarter of Section 7 Township 12 South Range 15 East of the 6th P.M.; thence southerly along the West line of said Quarter Section to its intersection with SW 27th Street; thence westerly along SW 27th Street to its intersection with SW Washburn Avenue; thence northerly along SW Washburn Avenue to its intersection with SW 11th Street; thence westerly along SW 11th Street to its intersection with SW Woodward Avenue; thence northerly along SW Woodward Avenue to its intersection with SW 10th Avenue; thence westerly along SW 10th Avenue to its intersection with SW Summit Avenue; thence northerly along SW Summit Avenue to its intersection with SW Sixth Avenue; thence easterly SW Sixth Avenue to its SW Washburn Avenue; thence northerly along SW Washburn Avenue to its intersection with SW Willow Avenue; thence easterly along SW Willow Avenue to its intersection with Quinton Avenue; thence northerly along Quinton Avenue to its intersection with the Centerline of SW 1st Street; thence easterly along SW 1st Street to the West line of Section 30, Township 11 South, Range 16 East of the 6th P.M.; thence northerly along the said West line to its intersection with the south line of a tract of land described in a deed recorded in Book 3384 Page 896, Register of Deeds Office, Shawnee County, Kansas; thence easterly and northeasterly along the south line and east line of said tract of land to the South Bank of the Kansas River; thence northeasterly along the extension of said east line to its intersection with the Kansas River; thence easterly down the Kansas River to its intersection with SW Topeka Boulevard; thence northerly along Topeka Boulevard to the Point of Beginning.

(AND IN ADDITION)

KANZA BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK (OVERALL PUD BOUNDARY)

A TRACT OF LAND IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER, THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, LOT 3 OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, AND THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SHAWNEE COUNTY, KANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF NORTH 00°00'22" EAST, 30.00 FEET, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 89°36'04" WEST, 23.50 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE SOUTH 89°36'04" WEST, 2611.74 FEET TO A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER, 30.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00°06'23" WEST, 1118.90 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 86°16'38" EAST, 130.48 FEET; THENCE NORTH 42°55'39" EAST, 233.28 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01°25'17" WEST, 497.95 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 88°46'41" WEST, 278.01 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00°06'23" EAST, 120.24 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER TO THE NORTH LINE OF ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SUBDIVISION; THENCE SOUTH 89°54'32" WEST, 1309.28 FEET ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SUBDIVISION TO THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00°11'27" EAST, 953.94 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE EAST HALF OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THENCE NORTH 00°18'11" EAST, 663.92 FEET ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT 3 TO THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF INTERSTATE HIGHWAY NO. 70; THENCE NORTH 88°53'30" EAST, 883.63

FEET ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A RADIUS OF 1579.22 FEET, AN ARC DISTANCE OF 683.95 FEET, WITH A CHORD WHICH BEARS NORTH 76°29'04" EAST, 678.62 FEET; THENCE NORTH 64°04'38" EAST, 1046.28 FEET, ALONG SAID RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00°08'08" WEST, 213.32 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 78°48'28" EAST, 1483.53 FEET TO THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 00°08'53" EAST, 87.25 FEET ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 16°33'51" WEST, 156.49 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°08'53" EAST, 539.57 FEET TO A POINT ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER, 45.00 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID NORTHEAST QUARTER; THENCE SOUTH 00°00'22" WEST, 35.43 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 89°59'38" EAST, 21.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°00'22" WEST, 2570.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT CONTAINS 258.943 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

A TRACT OF LAND SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 11 SOUTH, RANGE 15 EAST OF THE SIXTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SHAWNEE COUNTY KANSAS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26; THENCE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER ON AN ASSUMED BEARING OF SOUTH 89°35'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 825.36 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF NORTH 00°24'22" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 40.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 89°35'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 515.96 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING NORTH 00°25'19" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 2033.61 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF NORTH 44°27'37" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 68.73 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 63°56'06" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 18.56 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF NORTH 19°56'13" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 44.30 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF NORTH 34°34'08" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 25.22 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF NORTH 72°13'53" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 27.65 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 37°05'32" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 14.75 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 54°25'19" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 16.30 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 80°46'21" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 23.15 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 87°13'11" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 11.70 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 74°03'00" EAST, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 34.18 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 34.48 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 60°52'49" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 42.96 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 53°28'55" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 108.90 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 31°54'18" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 87.45 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 26°44'08" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 158.72 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 28°30'48" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 137.12 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 35°51'47" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 63.86 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 44°53'50" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 71.01 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 00°10'26" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 305.26 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 41°48'53" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 216.94 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 75.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 19°54'50" EAST, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 97.23 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 105.78 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 00°01'58" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 78.63 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 34°02'36" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 118.96 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 00°17'22" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 227.41 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 60.00 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 45°46'21" WEST, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 77.15 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 83.79 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 00°06'58" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 142.97 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 86°22'32" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 30.69 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 01°46'13" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 80.18 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 89°57'22" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 20.82 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 00°15'55" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 130.86 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 89°40'17" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 21.15 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 00°20'17" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 28.30 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE LEFT; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 118.49 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF SOUTH 21°22'45" EAST, A CHORD DISTANCE OF 60.15 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 60.82 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 32°29'33" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 24.43 FEET TO A POINT ON A CURVE TO THE RIGHT; THENCE ALONG SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT (SAID CURVE HAVING A RADIUS OF 194.67 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF

SOUTH 12°51'45" EAST, AND A CHORD DISTANCE OF 80.56 FEET) A DISTANCE OF 81.15 FEET; THENCE ON A BEARING OF SOUTH 01°52'31" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 26.20 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED TRACT OF LAND CONTAINS 24.081 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, AND IS SUBJECT TO ALL RIGHTS-OF-WAY, EASEMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND COVENANTS OF RECORD, IF ANY.

(AND IN ADDITION)

KANZA BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK SUBDIVISION. CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 10.39-ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

EXCEPT

The property commonly known as the 501 Sports Complex and legally described as follows: A tract of land in the Southeast Quarter of Section 26, Township 11 South, Range 15 East of the Sixth Principal Meridian, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the West line, 30.00-foot North of the Southwest Corner of said Quarter Section (said point being on the North right-of-way line of West Sixth Street); thence North 00 degrees, 06 minutes, 40 seconds West, along said West Line, 1,118.79-feet; thence South 86 degrees, 14 minutes, 23 seconds East, 130.46-foot; thence North 42 degrees, 56 minutes, 08 seconds East, 233.28-feet; thence North 01 degrees, 24 minutes, 28 seconds West, 497.95-feet; thence North 88 degrees, 48 minutes, 04 seconds East, 120.98-feet; thence on a 302.50-foot radius curve to the left, with a 170.62-foot chord bearing North 72 degrees, 25 minutes, 13 seconds East, an arc distance of 172.97-feet; thence North 56 degrees, 02 minutes, 21 seconds East, 399.91-feet; thence South 20 degrees, 26 minutes, 15 seconds East 750.52-feet; thence South 00 degrees, 24 minutes, 53 seconds East, 1,344.97-foot to the North right-of-way line of West Sixth Street; thence South 89 degrees, 36 minutes, 04 seconds West, along said North right-of-way line, 1,162.82-feet to the Point of Beginning. The above contains 44.001-acres, more or less, all in the City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas.

(AND IN ADDITION)

Cowdin Subdivision No. 3, according to the recorded plat thereof.

(AND IN ADDITION)

Southern Hills Subdivision "A", Southern Hills Subdivision "B", and Southern Hills Subdivision "C" according to the recorded plats thereof. Contains approximately 110.8 acres.

(AND IN ADDITION)

Drakes Farm Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof.

(AND IN ADDITION)

3528 SE Cyprus Drive - Lot 1, Block A, Croco Park Subdivision

(AND IN ADDITION)

Lot 1, Block A, Altair Heights Subdivision No. 3, less street right-of-way.

(AND IN ADDITION)

3526 SE 21st Street – Lots 1, 3, and 4, Block A, Altair Heights Subdivision No. 6 and Lot 1, Block A, Altair Heights No. 7

(AND IN ADDITION)

Lot 1, Block A, Marlings Business Park Subdivision

(AND IN ADDITION)

Lot 1, Block A, and Lot 13, Block B, Shorey Estates Subdivision

(AND IN ADDITION)

Lot 8, Block A, Kaw Valley Plaza Subdivision”

OUTSIDE REVITALIZATION AREA; ‘DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE’:

(Menninger Clock Tower Building)

A portion of Lot 1, Block A, Menninger Foundation Subdivision, being situated in the Southwest Quarter of Section 28, Township 11 South, Range 15 East of the 6th P.M., in the City of Topeka, Shawnee County, Kansas, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Southwest Quarter, being a point on the West line of Menninger Foundation Subdivision; thence on an assumed Azimuth of 179 degrees 17 minutes 46 seconds coincident with the West line of said Menninger Foundation Subdivision, a distance of 638.96 feet; then on Azimuth 89 degrees 17 minutes 46 seconds, perpendicular to the West line of Menninger Foundation Subdivision, a distance of 898.87 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence on Azimuth 88 degrees 07 minutes 19 seconds, a distance of 329.86 feet; thence on Azimuth 177 degrees 11 minutes 06 seconds, a distance of 250.36 feet; thence on Azimuth 183 degrees 05 minutes 12 seconds, a distance of 141.29 feet; thence on Azimuth 194 degrees 58 minutes 13 seconds, a distance of 66.17 feet; thence on Azimuth 177 degrees 47 minutes 10 seconds, a distance of 178.14 feet; thence on Azimuth 267 degrees 50 minutes 09 seconds, a distance of 275.83 feet; thence on Azimuth 357 degrees 50 minutes 17 seconds, coincident with centerline of an existing access road recorded in Book 4314, Page 099 in the Register of Deeds Office for Shawnee County, a distance of 431.62 feet; thence on Azimuth 317 degrees 14 minutes 41 seconds, a distance of 39.39 feet; thence on Azimuth 358 degrees 10 minutes 19 seconds, a distance of 172.54 feet to the Point of Beginning.

PART 2
APPRAISED VALUATION OF REAL PROPERTY

The appraised valuation of the Menninger Clock Tower and the real estate contained in the Neighborhood Revitalization Area as of July, 2023 for each parcel by land and building values is on file in the office of the Shawnee County Appraiser. The January 1, 2024 appraised valuation for the 13,548 parcels contained in the area is:

Land	\$ 266,766.250
<u>Improvements</u>	<u>\$ 1,961,021.080</u>
Total Appraised Valuation	\$ 2,227, 787. 330

Updated values from Shawnee County Appraiser, May 2024

PART 3
LISTING OF OWNERS OF RECORD IN AREA

Each owner of record of the Menninger Clock Tower and each parcel of land is listed together with the corresponding address on file in the office of the Shawnee County Appraiser (<http://www.snco.us/ap/>).

PART 4
EXISTING ZONING BOUNDARIES
&
EXISTING/PROPOSED LAND USES

Descriptions of zoning districts, current boundaries, existing land uses, and future land use maps within the Neighborhood Revitalization Area are all found on file in the Topeka Planning Department or at www.topeka.org/planning

PART 5
MAJOR IMPROVEMENTS
PROPOSED FOR NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA

A list of the proposed major improvements within the Neighborhood Revitalization Area are identified within the adopted neighborhood and area plans of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Copies of those plans are on file with the Topeka Planning Department and on-line at www.topeka.org/planning

- Topeka Land Use and Growth Management Plan (2015)
- Central Highland Park Neighborhood Plan (2010)
- Ward-Meade Neighborhood Plan (2001/2010)
- Chesney Park Neighborhood Plan (1998/2009)
- Central Park Neighborhood Plan (1998/2008/2019)
- Hi-Crest Neighborhood Plan (2015)
- North Topeka West (2016)
- Historic North Topeka East (2013)
- Holliday Park Neighborhood Plan (1998/2008/2023)
- Oakland Neighborhood Plan (2004/2014)
- Hi-Crest Neighborhood Plan (2003)
- Old Town Neighborhood Plan (2003)
- East Topeka Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (2002)
- Downtown Topeka Redevelopment Plan (2001)
- Elmhurst Neighborhood Plan (2001)
- Tennessee Town (2001/2017)
- Washburn-Lane Parkway Plan (2001)
- Quinton Heights Neighborhood Plan (2018)
- East Topeka North Neighborhood Plan (2020)
- Downtown Master Plan (2021)
- Valley Park Neighborhood Plan (2021)

Proposed housing, infrastructure, and public facility improvements within these plans are intended to guide the City's future resource allocation as targeted within the Neighborhood Revitalization Area. Actual approved resource allocations are found with the City's Capital Improvement Budget and Consolidated Plan.

PART 6
STATEMENT SPECIFYING THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
FOR A TAX REBATE

Residential New Construction/Rehabilitation

All properties with residential improvements legally permitted by applicable zoning regulations and building codes within, or that fronts a public street boundary of the designated Neighborhood Revitalization Area are eligible for the specified tax rebate provided the new appraised valuation is increased by a minimum of 10%.

Commercial New Construction/Rehabilitation

All properties with commercial, office and institutional, and industrial improvements legally permitted by applicable zoning regulations and building codes within, or that fronts a public street boundary of the designated Neighborhood Revitalization Area are eligible for the specified tax rebate provided the new appraised valuation is increased by a minimum of 20%.

PART 7

CRITERIA FOR DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

- (a) Construction of an improvement must have begun on or after January 1, 2025. Such improvement project shall remain eligible in the event the neighborhood revitalization plan is extended beyond 2027 by a subsequent ordinance. An improvement project constructed pursuant to a building permit and an application for tax rebate filed before January 1, 2025, may be eligible for a rebate under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program created by City Ordinance No. xxxxx.
- (b) A rebate application must be filed prior to or within sixty (60) days of the issuance of a building permit or initiation of work (if no building permit is required) as determined by the Planning Director. An application determined to be “out-of-time” shall be accepted by the Planning Director if the applicant can demonstrate that prior to commencing the improvements, he or she intended to use the program’s benefits for the specific improvement proposed in the application. Some factors that may be used to determine the intent and prior knowledge of the program include previous written or verbal communication with city staff, contractors, or other interested parties in the project. The fact that the applicant was not made aware of the program by city staff shall not be used as a factor in this determination. An application shall not be accepted “out-of-time” if the building permit was issued to correct a past zoning or building code violation. The applicant must submit all evidence in writing that supports the above criteria to the Planning Department within one (1) year of the issuance of the building permit. The applicant may appeal the Planning Director’s decision to the City Manager who has final authority over the matter.
- (c) The improvements must conform with the Comprehensive Plan, design guidelines within applicable elements of the Comprehensive Plan and Title 18 Comprehensive Zoning Regulations, including adopted Neighborhood Conservation Districts in effect at the time the improvements are made.
- (d) New and existing improvements on the property must conform with all other applicable codes, rules, and regulations in effect at the time the improvements are made, and for the length of the rebate or the rebate may be terminated.
- (e) Any property that is delinquent in any real property tax payment or special assessment shall not be eligible for any rebate or future rebate until such time as all real property taxes and special assessments have been paid. Additionally, taxes on all real property owned by the applicant must be current.
- (f) Commercial or industrial property eligible for tax incentives under any adopted Neighborhood Revitalization Plan and Topeka's existing tax abatement program pursuant

to Article 11, Section 13 of the Kansas Constitution and TMC Chapter 3.55, may receive one exemption/rebate per project from the City as a tax incentive.

- (g) Any property that fronts a public street boundary of the Neighborhood Revitalization Area shall be eligible for the rebate, except those properties that front a public highway.

PART 8

CONTENTS OF APPLICATION FOR TAX REBATE

Part 1 - General Information (Completed by applicant)

- (a) Owner's Name and applicant's name
- (b) Owner's Mailing Address.
- (c) School District No.
- (d) Parcel I.D. No.
- (e) Building Permit No. and copy of permit
- (f) Address of Property.
- (g) Legal Description of Property
- (h) Day Phone Number.
- (i) Proposed Property Use.
- (j) Improvements (Attach itemized list of improvements)
- (k) Estimated Cost of Improvements
- (l) Proof of Historical Register Listing or nomination.
- (m) List of Buildings and Improvements proposed to be or actually demolished.
- (n) Date of commencement of construction.
- (o) Estimated date of completion of construction.

Part 2 - Status of Construction/Completion

- (a) County Appraiser's Statement of Percentage Test.
- (b) County Clerk's Statement of Tax Status.
- (c) Planning's Statement of Application Conformance for Tax Rebate.

PART 9

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- (a) The owner/applicant shall obtain an Application for Tax Rebate from Topeka Planning Department, or concurrent with obtaining a building permit application.
- (b) The applicant shall complete and sign the application and file the original with Planning, prior to or within sixty (60) days of issuance of the building permit or as permitted under Part 7(b).
- (c) Planning shall forward the application to the Shawnee County Appraiser's Office for determination of the appraised valuation of the improvements and when necessary for designated historic properties, shall indicate the base tax year in order to determine the property's pre-demolition value for historic resources or landmarks that were demolished to make way for the improvements.
- (d) On or about January 1, the County Appraiser shall conduct an on-site inspection of the construction project, determine the new valuation of the real-estate, complete his portion of the application, and report the new valuation to the Shawnee County Clerk by June 1 of that same year. The tax records on the project shall be revised by the County Clerk's Office.
- (e) Upon determination by the Appraiser's office that the improvements meet the percentage test for rebate and the Clerk's office has determined the status of the taxes on the property, Planning shall certify to the County Clerk the project and application does or does not meet the requirements for a tax rebate and shall notify the applicant.
- (f) Upon the payment of the real estate tax for the subject property for the initial and each succeeding tax year period extending through the specified rebate period, and within a thirty (30) day period following the date of tax distribution by Shawnee County to the other taxing units, a tax rebate in the amount of the tax increment (less any fees as specified in the Interlocal Agreement) shall be made to the applicant.

The tax rebate amount will be based on the appraised property value increment between the application year and the completion year directly attributable to the improvement itself. The actual rebate may vary year to year depending upon the approved mill levy for all participating taxing jurisdictions. The tax rebate shall be made by Audit and Finance, Shawnee County through the Neighborhood Revitalization Fund established in conjunction with the City of Topeka and the other taxing units participating in an Interlocal Agreement.

PART 10
STANDARDS AND CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL

- (a) Project improvements shall be 100% complete within two years of building permit issuance or 100% complete within two years of beginning construction on the listed improvements (if permits are not required.).
- (b) The appraised value of residential property must be increased by a minimum of 10%.
- (c) The appraised value of commercial and industrial property must be increased by a minimum of 20%.
- (d) New improvements must conform with all applicable codes, rules, and regulations in effect at the time the improvements are made, including zoning regulations and design guidelines adopted by the Governing Body, for the length of the rebate.
- (e) Any property that is delinquent in any real property tax payment or special assessment shall not be eligible for any rebate or future rebate until such time as all real property taxes and special assessments have been paid. Additionally, taxes on all real property owned by the applicant must be current.

PART 11

STATEMENT SPECIFYING REBATE FORMULA

Program Period:

The Neighborhood Revitalization Fund and tax rebate incentive program shall expire on December 31, 2024.

Rebate Period:

All Eligible Uses – Administrative Approval	10 years
All Eligible Uses – Governing Body Approval	11-20 years

Rebate Amount*:

Standard Rebate:	
- All Eligible Uses Not Specified In Areas Below	95% (years 1-5) 50% (years 6-10)
Standard Plus 10 Rebate:	
- “Intensive Care” areas (2020 Neighborhood Health Map)	95%
- National/State Register/Properties and Districts and Local Historic Properties/Districts	95%
- “New” Infill Housing (Single and Multi-Family); including: new Single-family houses only in Cowdin Subd. #3 and Southern Hills Subd. A, B, and C, Drakes Farm Subdivision, Shorey Estates	95%
Standard Plus 20 Rebate:	
- TIF District	
- Minimum \$10,000,000 investment	
- Primary use is residential	
- “But-For” Test/Study	
- Governing Body Approval	95%

*5 % to remain in Neighborhood Revitalization Fund for administrative costs.

Part 12

OTHER MATTERS

1. The governing body may declare a building outside of a neighborhood revitalization area to be a “dilapidated structure” if it satisfies the conditions set forth in subsection (a) of KSA 12-17, 115. A “dilapidated structure” is defined as a residence or other building which is in deteriorating condition by reason of obsolescence, inadequate provision of ventilation, light, air or structural integrity or is otherwise in a condition detrimental to the health, safety or welfare of its inhabitants or a residence or other building which is in deteriorating condition and because of age, architecture, history or significance is worth of preservation. Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-17,117(b), the governing body may determine a structure outside the boundary is a ‘dilapidated structure’ and, as such, is eligible for consideration of a property tax rebate for the following reasons:

- The building is a dilapidated structure due to its long vacancy and current boarded condition,
- The building is historic and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is worthy of preservation.

Prior to acceptance of a tax rebate application for projects involving a ‘dilapidated structure’, the applicant must submit a “but-for” test/study to be approved by the City Manager that demonstrates the need for a rebate.

- The Menninger Clock Tower was approved as a delapidated structure with the approval of the 2022-2024 NRP plan and remains in effect.
2. The governing body may designate certain projects to have up to a 20-year rebate period, provided all of the following criteria are satisfied:
 - The project is located within an existing Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) within the NRP Area

- The primary use is residential
- The project has a minimum investment of \$10,000,000
- The project submits a but-for analysis that demonstrates the need for the longer rebate period.

Should the governing body determine that the project meets the criteria, the property will be removed from the TIF district in accordance with Ordinance No. 20228. Prior to acceptance of a tax rebate application, projects must submit a “but-for” test/study to be approved by the City Manager that demonstrates the need for a rebate.

SHAWNEE COUNTY TAX LEVY SCHEDULE 2023

Tax Levies per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation

	2023 Levy	% of Total Levy
Shawnee County	48.653	34.41%
City of Topeka	36.952	26.13%
USD 501 (Topeka)	37.791	26.73%
Washburn University	3.45	2.44%
Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library	8.192	5.79%
TMTA (Transit)	4.2	2.97%
MTAA (Airport)	2.157	1.53%
Total	141.395	100%
Shawnee County	48.653	33.09%
City of Topeka	36.952	25.13%
USD 345 (Seaman)	43.422	29.53%
Washburn University	3.45	2.35%
Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library	8.192	5.57%
TMTA (Transit)	4.2	2.86%
MTAA (Airport)	2.157	1.47%
Total	147.026	100%
Shawnee County	48.653	33.07%
City of Topeka	36.952	25.12%
USD 450 (Shawnee Heights)	43.501	29.57%
Washburn University	3.45	2.35%
Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library	8.192	5.57%
TMTA (Transit)	4.2	2.86%
MTAA (Airport)	2.157	1.47%
Total	147.105	100%
Shawnee County	48.653	32.29%
City of Topeka	36.952	24.52%
USD 437 (Auburn Washburn Rural)	47.092	31.25%
Washburn University	3.45	2.29%

Topeka-Shawnee County Public Library	8.192	5.44%
TMTA (Transit)	4.2	2.79%
MTAA (Airport)	2.157	1.43%
Total	150.696	100%

Source: Shawnee County Clerk's Office, 2024