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ORDINANCE NO. 20565

AN ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez, concerning claims made by the City, authorizing the City Attorney to initiate lawsuits up to \$35,000, creating § 3.35.070 of the Topeka Municipal Code.

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

Section 1. That the Code of the City of Topeka, Kansas, is hereby amended by adding a section, to be numbered 3.35.070, which said section reads as follows:

Claims made by the City.

The City Attorney shall have the authority to initiate, file, and prosecute a civil lawsuit, in the name of and on behalf of the City, without the need of obtaining a resolution or ordinance authorizing said lawsuit from the Governing Body, so long as the initial damages claimed, based in tort or contract, by the City do not exceed \$35,000.00 at the time of filing.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official City newspaper.

Section 3. This ordinance shall supersede all ordinances, resolutions or rules, or portions thereof, which are in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 4. Should any section, clause or phrase of this ordinance be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the same shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body on June 10, 2025.

CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS

Michael A. Padilla, Mayor

ATTEST:

Brenda Younger, City Clerk