



DATE: OCTOBER 5, 2016
TO: MAYOR WILEY AND FAIRWAY CITY COUNCIL
FROM: KATHY A. AXELSON, CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CITY CLERK
RE: CHARTER ORDINANCE #25 – EXEMPTING THE CITY FROM PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-570 AND 14-571 REGARDING PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT BOND ISSUANCES

Background:

At the September 2016 Finance Committee meeting, draft Charter Ordinance #25 was presented by Gina Riekhof, Gilmore & Bell and Dave Arteberry, George K. Baum. The charter ordinance provides flexibility in the financing of projects within the City's Capital Improvement Program. Changes to the draft as discussed at the meeting have been incorporated into the version attached. If approved by a 2/3 vote of the City Council, the charter ordinance will require publication for two consecutive weeks followed by a 60-day protest period before taking effect.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of Charter Ordinance #25.

Attachments:

- Charter Ordinance #25

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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 25

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF FAIRWAY, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-570 AND K.S.A. 14-571 AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT RELATING TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR SAID IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas (the “Act”), provides that cities may exercise certain home rule powers, including passing charter ordinances which exempt such cities from non-uniform enactments of the Kansas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City of Fairway, Kansas (the “City”) is a city, as defined in the Act, duly created and organized, under the laws of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 14-570 and K.S.A. 14-571 are part of an enactment of the Kansas Legislature (K.S.A. 14-570 *et seq.*) relating to public improvements and the issuance of bonds for such purposes, which enactment is applicable to the City, but is not uniformly applicable to all cities within the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City (the “Governing Body”) desires, by charter ordinance, to exempt the City from the provisions of K.S.A. 14-570 and K.S.A. 14-571, and to provide substitute and additional provisions therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF FAIRWAY, KANSAS:

Section 1. Exemption. The City, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Act, hereby elects to exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 14-570 and K.S.A. 14-571, and shall be governed by the following substitute and additional provisions contained herein.

Section 2. Master Plan for Public Improvements. Whenever the City Administrator or their designee has filed with the Governing Body a master capital improvements plan (the “Plan”) for the physical development of the City and City facilities, including but not limited to the acquisition of land necessary therefore, the acquisition of equipment, vehicles or other personal property to be used in relation thereto, or the assumption and payment of benefit district indebtedness previously created for public improvements, and which Plan may require a number of years to execute, and such Plan is approved by the Governing Body, the City is hereby authorized to issue its general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) in an amount sufficient to carry out such Plan and associated costs.

Section 3. Procedure for Issuance of Bonds. Before any Bonds are authorized or issued pursuant to this Charter Ordinance, the City shall adopt a resolution specifying the amount of such Bonds and the purpose of the issuance thereof.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision or section of this Charter Ordinance is deemed or ruled unconstitutional or otherwise illegal or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Charter Ordinance. In such instance, this Charter

Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper, and shall take effect sixty (60) days after final publication, unless a petition signed by a number of electors of the City equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the number of electors who voted at the last preceding regular City election shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk demanding that this Charter Ordinance be submitted to a vote of the electors, in which event this Charter Ordinance shall take effect when approved by a majority of the electors voting at an election held for such purpose.

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PASSED with at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire governing body of the City of Fairway, Kansas, on October 10, 2016 and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor.

(SEAL)

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator/City Clerk

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