

Public Notice

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RESOLUTION NO. 2025-02
A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF SCOTT CITY, KANSAS, PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (a) OF K.S.A. 12-5244(a) OF THE KANSAS REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT ACT MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A REINVESTMENT HOUSING INCENTIVE DISTRICT WITHIN THE CITY FOR VENICE PARK.

WHEREAS, the Kansas Reinvestment Housing Incentive District Act, K.S.A. 12-5241 et seq., (“Act”) authorizes any city incorporated in accordance with the laws of the State of Kansas (“State”) with a population of less than 60,000 to designate reinvestment housing incentive districts within such city; and

WHEREAS, prior to such designation, the governing body of such city shall conduct a housing needs analysis to determine what, if any, housing needs exist within its community; and

WHEREAS, after conducting such analysis, the governing body of such city may adopt a resolution making certain findings regarding the establishment of a reinvestment housing incentive district, as well as providing the legal description of the proposed district and a map depicting the existing parcels of real estate in the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, after publishing such resolution, the governing body of such city shall send a certified copy thereof to the Secretary of Commerce of the State (“Secretary”) requesting that the Secretary agree with the finding contained in such resolution; and

WHEREAS, if the Secretary agrees with such findings, such city may proceed with the establishment of a reinvestment housing incentive district within such city and adopt a plan for the development or redevelopment of housing and public facilities in the proposed district; and

WHEREAS, Scott City, Kansas has an estimated population of 4,113 pursuant to the census for the year 2020 conducted by the United States Census Bureau and, therefore, constitutes a city as said term is defined in the Act; and

WHEREAS, a housing needs analysis was conducted on behalf of the City of Scott City, Kansas (“City”) in 2020 to determine whether housing needs exist within the corporate limits of the

City and said analysis concluded that a total of 84 housing units are needed to address the housing needs in the City for the 5-year period from 2020 to 2025 and that a total number of 86 housing units are needed for the 5-year period from 2025 to 2030; and

WHEREAS, a developer desires for the Governing Body of the City (“Governing Body”) to establish a reinvestment housing incentive district for a proposed residential development situated in the corporate limits of Scott City, Kansas and as more particularly described herein; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body desires to herein adopt a resolution making certain findings regarding the establishment of the herein described residential development as a reinvestment housing incentive district, as well as providing the

legal description of the proposed district and a map depicting the existing parcels of real estate in the proposed district; provided, however, that nothing contained in this Resolution shall be construed to bind or otherwise obligate the Governing Body to establish such a district or to adopt a development plan thereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Scott City, Kansas:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body of the City of Scott City, Kansas (“Governing Body”) hereby finds and determines that there is a shortage of quality housing of various price ranges in the corporate limits of the City of Scott City, Kansas (“City”) despite the best efforts of public and private housing developers.

SECTION 2. The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the shortage of quality housing can be expected to persist and additional financial incentives are necessary in order to encourage the private sector to construct or renovate housing in the City.

SECTION 3. The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the shortage of quality housing is a substantial deterrent to the future economic growth and development of the City.

SECTION 4. The Governing Body hereby finds and determines that the future economic well-being of the City depends on the Governing Body providing additional incentives for the construction or renovation of quality housing in the City.

SECTION 5. Based on the findings and determinations herein, the Governing Body proposes the establishment of a reinvestment housing incentive district pursuant to the Kansas Reinvestment Housing Incentive District Act, K.S.A. 12-5241 et seq., that is tentatively named Venice Park and having a legal description of:

All of the Venice Park Addition, a subdivision to the City of Scott City, Scott County, Kansas, according to the recorded plat thereof; LESS AND EXCEPT:

Lots Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), and Ten (10), Block One (1) of said plat; AND FURTHER LESS AND EXCEPT:

Any portions of Pioneer Street as depicted on said plat, except for the North Fifteen Feet (15’) of said street; (“Proposed District”).

SECTION 6. A map depicting the existing parcels of real estate in the Proposed District is attached hereto as Exhibit A and the same is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 7. This Resolution shall be published once in the Scott County Record, the official city newspaper. This Resolution shall take effect upon its adoption by the Governing Body.

SECTION 8. Upon such publication, the City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of this Resolution to the Secretary of Commerce of the State of Kansas requesting that said secretary review this Resolution and advise the Governing Body whether the secretary agrees with the findings contained herein.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Scott City, Kansas, on this 3rd day of March, 2025.

City of Scott City, Kansas
Everett M. Green, Mayor
ATTEST:
Ruth Becker, City Clerk

Social

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SSA, which is highly efficient despite being chronically understaffed, is one of a number of federal departments that Elon Musk’s lieutenants have infiltrated in recent weeks as part of a lawless onslaught against government workers and operations.

ProPublica reported that DOGE staffers’ “first wave of actions” at SSA, “might seem restrained compared with the mass firings that DOGE has pursued at other federal agencies.”

“But Social Security recipients rely on in-person service in all

50 states, and the shuttering of offices could be hugely consequential. The closures potentially reduce access to Social Security for some of the most vulnerable people in this country - including not just retirees but also individuals with severe physical and intellectual disabilities, as well as children whose parents have died and who’ve been left in poverty.”

Sen. Ron Wyden (D-Ore.), the top Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, said that “firing half of all Social Security workers will guarantee that seniors

will stop seeing their earned benefits arrive on time and in full.”

“Trump’s promises to protect Social Security are a sham, just like the rest of his actions since taking office,” Wyden added. “A plan like this will result in field office closures that will hit seniors in rural communities the hardest.

“The goal of this effort is to hollow out an agency that currently delivers retirement benefits with a 99.7% accuracy rate, and hand over the keys to private equity and grifters who want to pillage Social Security for all it’s worth.”

Haskell

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Over the decades, the school was transformed into the four-year college it is today.

“Haskell was built in 140 years,” said Angel Ahtone Elizarraras, president of student government at Haskell. “This isn’t something that just happened in a day, and it’s not something that will collapse in a day.”

Ahtone Elizarraras was among several speakers who gathered at an event in Lawrence last week to share news about the firings at Haskell and explain ways the broader community could help.

“We’re living in a transformative moment,” said Dan Wildcat, author and professor at Haskell.

“Transforming into what? That’s the question.”

Wildcat spoke as a private citizen at the event, sharing some of his insight into the challenges Haskell is facing.

While Lawrence community members have been eager to volunteer, he said even volunteers at Haskell need a federal background check - something that costs the school money and time.

“On a good day, that means four to six weeks to get that completed,” Wildcat said. “I don’t know how long it’ll take since some of the people who are doing (background checks) now have been fired.”

This is far from the first time

the school has faced hardship. In 2024, Haskell administrators faced scrutiny from Congress over what members described as a university that was unresponsive to student complaints.

The school has also seen a high turnover of presidents in recent years. In the span of just six years, it had eight different presidents.

But students and faculty say the community has a special bond - making the firings hit that much closer to home.

“It’s very tight-knit, it’s very community-oriented,” said Eric Anderson, a professor at Haskell who spoke as a private citizen. “And because it is so small, yes, it very much does feel like a family.”

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