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**CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1504**

**A CHARTER ORDINANCE REVISING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1480, AND THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, CHAPTER 2, ADMINISTRATION, ARTICLE III, OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES, DIVISION 1., GENERALLY, SECTION 2-110, EXEMPTION FROM STATE LAW, K.S.A. 14-201, REGARDING CITY OFFICIALS, PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE, HOME RULE PROVISIONS REGARDING THE HIRING PROCESS FOR CITY EMPLOYMENT, AND REPEALING PARTS OF ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH**

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, continues its policy under its Home Rule Authority to exempt the City from provisions of K.S.A. 14-201, regarding certain mayoral appointments.

**WHEREAS**, the Governing Body of the City of Columbus, Kansas, has revised its hiring process and Salary Schedule for City employment of non-appointed officials and employees.

**SECTION 1.** The City of Columbus, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to revise previous Charter Ordinances and its 2020 Code of Ordinances pertaining to its personnel hiring process.

**SECTION 2.** Code 2020 §2-110; Code 2014, §1-401; Charter Ordinance 984; Charter Ordinance 1012; Charter Ordinance 1122; Charter Ordinance No. 1250; Charter Ordinance No. 1301; Charter Ordinance No. 1391; Char. Ord. No. 1434, § 3(f); and Charter Ordinance No. 1480 §3 shall be revised.

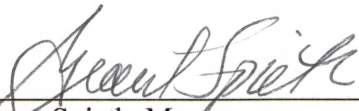
**SECTION 3. Revised Sec. 2-110. - Non-appointed officers and employees**

The Mayor shall appoint, by and with the consent of the City Council, a Municipal Judge, volunteer members of the Fire Department, the City Prosecutor, the City Attorney, and members of boards, commissions, advisory groups, and other bodies deemed necessary, as outlined in Ordinance 1400. All other positions shall be hired pursuant to the terms outlined in Ordinance 1490, Section 8(E). The City Council shall continue to hire department head positions identified on the city's Salary Schedule.

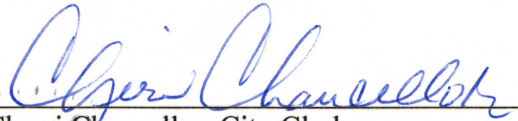
**SECTION 4.** This Charter Ordinance shall be published once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper

**SECTION 5.** This Charter Ordinance shall take effect 61 days after the final publication unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed, requiring a referendum to be held on the ordinance as provided by Article 12, Section 5, Subsection (c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon approval by the majority of the electors voting thereon.

**PASSED and APPROVED** by the Governing Body, not less than two-thirds of the members elect voting in favor thereof, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023.

  
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Grant Spieth, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Cherri Chancellor, City Clerk

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