

**PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES
Monday, May 24, 2021**

The meeting of the Public Works and Safety Standing Committee was held on Monday, May 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., via Zoom or on-site. The following members were present: Commissioner Bynum, Chairman; Commissioners Markley, Ramirez, Johnson (substituting for Commissioner Kane), Philbrook, and BPU Board Member Tom Groneman. Commissioner Kane was absent. The following officials were also in attendance: Melissa Sieben, Emerick Cross and Alan Howze, Assistant County Administrators; Bridgette Cobbins, Interim Assistant County Administrator; Kathleen VonAchen, Chief Financial Officer; Misty Brown, Chief Counsel; Rocki Mayes, Executive Assistant to County Administrator; Henry Couchman, Senior Attorney; Casey Meyer, Assistant Counsel; Pamela Waldeck, Director of Bureau of Operations & Deputy Police Chief; Carol Godsil, Deputy Unified Government Clerk; Alley Porter, Commission Liaison; Ashley Hand, Director of Strategic Communications; Jonathan Wiles, Engineering Project Manager; Stephanie Stauffer, Community Development Program Coordinator; and Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

Chairman Bynum said okay I would like to welcome everyone to our May 24th Public Works & Safety Standing Committee meeting. Before I call the meeting to order, I do want to announce that due to COVID-19, some committee members, staff, and public are attending remotely by Zoom as well as some on site. All participants joining by phone should mute their phones when not speaking to avoid any background noise.

During the meeting, please make sure you announce yourself by name and title when you speak so the public knows who's speaking. This is critical given the number of remote participants we have, and it's also current guidance from our Kansas Attorney General.

Also due to COVID-19 requirements, in-person public comment has been suspended unless otherwise required by law. The public is allowed to participate by Zoom and/or submit comments by email prior to the meeting. These are all included in the record of our meeting.

Chairman Bynum called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken and all members were present as shown above.

Chairman Bynum said, I apologize. I don't have a guide, and my agenda is no longer pulled up on my computer, but our first item tonight is a presentation by our Kansas City, Kansas, Police Department.

Commissioner Philbrook asked, don't we have minutes, Melissa.? **Chairman Bynum** said we do, and they are—last I saw my agenda, this was the first item and the minutes, for some reason, were after that, but why don't we have a motion? We have minutes from, I believe, our January meeting, while I frantically try to pull my agenda back up.

Approval of standing committee minutes from January 25, 2021. **On motion of Commissioner Markley, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, the minutes were approved.** Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Bynum said we have a blue sheet tonight. We have a revised additional item and that is a presentation on our Kansas City, Kansas Police Department City Identification Card Program.

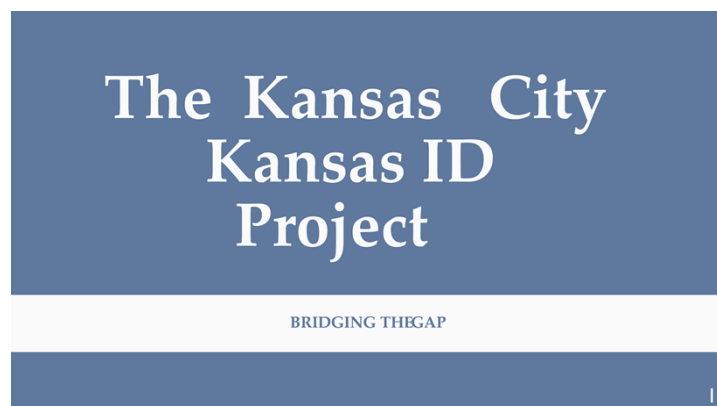
Committee Agenda:

Item No. 2 – 21851...PRESENTATION: KANSAS CITY KANSAS, IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM

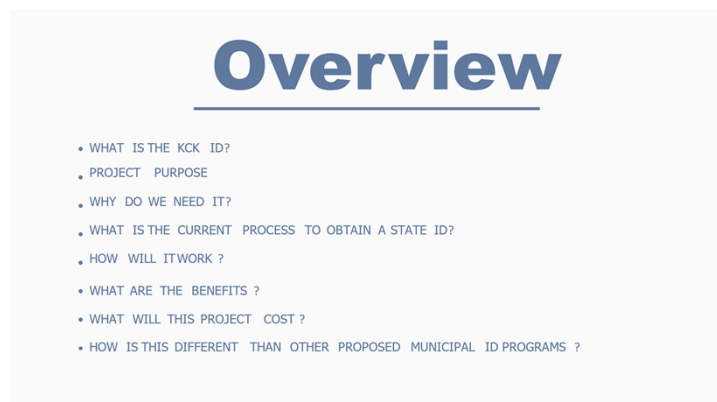
Synopsis: Presentation regarding the Kansas City, Kansas Police Department Identification Program, submitted by Assistant Police Chief Pamela Waldeck.

Pamela Waldeck, Director of Bureau of Operations & Deputy Police Chief, said tonight, I'm going to introduce Major George Sims, Captain Brittanie Pruitt, Sergeant Angela Joyce, Officer Jackie Lynn, and our VISTA employee Erin Huerta. They are going to talk about a city ID proposal that we have developed. Our homeless outreach team, in coordination with the Cross–Lines Community Outreach, have identified a problem among our community, specifically the unsheltered people of our community and many victims of crime that have issues with getting identification.

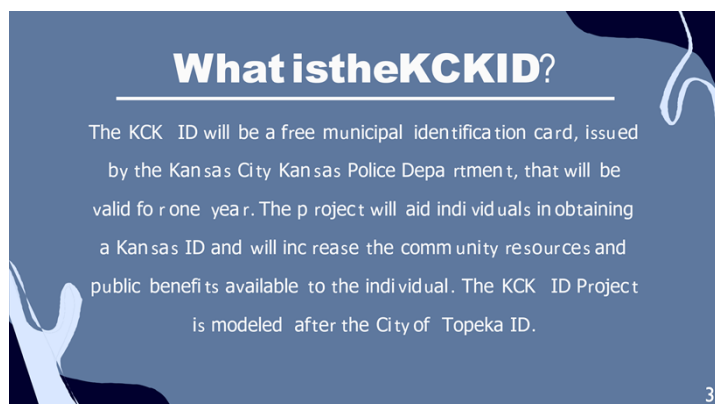
They found this problem and developed a solution. This solution is the City ID Program. They are going to do a presentation for you all tonight explaining the city ID and how it will help our citizens.



Jackie Lynn, Kansas City, Kansas Police Officer, said this is Erin Huerta. She's our VISTA volunteer. We're here to present to you tonight the Kansas City, Kansas ID Project. I'm going to let Erin take off with this because she's done a lot of work with this and we'll kind of split what we present. If you can save your questions until the last, we'll have a question/answer at that point in time.



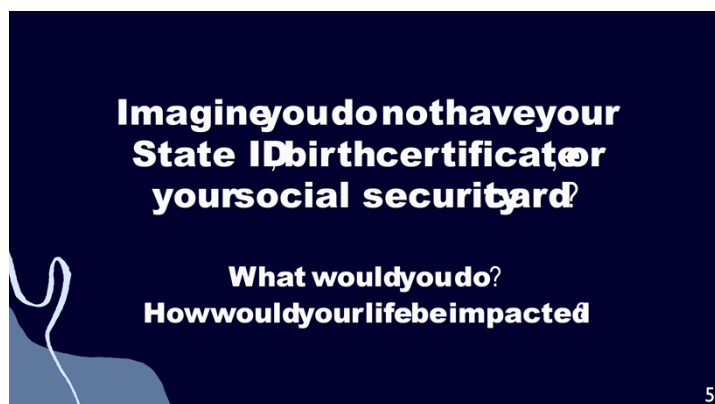
Erin Huerta, VISTA, said I'm just going to give you guys an overview. We're going to go over what the KCK ID is, the purpose of the project, why we need it, the current process to obtain a state ID in Kansas, and the issues that come with that, how the project will work, the benefits, the costs, and how it's different from other proposed municipal ID programs.



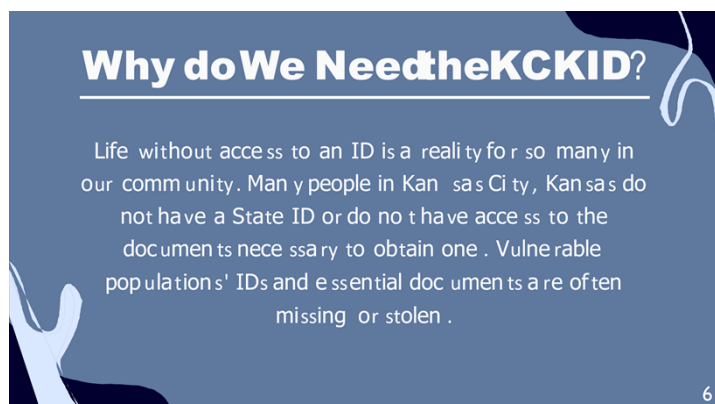
What is the KCK ID? It is a free municipal ID card, issued by the Police Department, and it will be valid for one year. It will aid individuals in obtaining their Kansas ID and that will increase community resources and public benefits available to them. The KCK ID Project is modeled after the City of Topeka ID.



The purpose of the project. The primary purpose is to streamline the normally difficult process of obtaining a state ID. It will also increase access to vital resources, medical services, mental health services, create a sense of community and belonging, and increase trust between law enforcement officers and the community.



Now I'd like everybody in this meeting to take a minute and imagine that you don't have your state ID, your birth certificate, or your social security card. How would that impact your life? What would you do? There's a lot of them and it's confusing and difficult when you don't have any of that documentation. You might not be able to access your bank account. If you don't have a job at the time, you won't be able to get one. You might have difficulty finding a place to live, or maybe accessing your prescription. Now Officer Lynn will talk about the needs.



Officer Lynn asked, why do we need to The KCK ID Program? As Deputy Chief Waldeck spoke earlier, part of the Kansas City, Kansas Policing Outreach Program—and for about a year and a half now, we've been doing weekly outreaches. This is the beginning of how this all came about. So, life without access to an ID is reality for so many of the people in our community, especially those that we interact with weekly. Many people in Kansas City, KS, do not have a state ID, do not have access to documents, and for those vulnerable populations, essential documents are often missing or stolen; more often stolen by other people.



Why do We Need the KCKID?

Victims of crime, people experiencing homelessness, or those affected by a life-altering event may no longer have access to their ID or essential documentation.

- If you are leaving a dangerous home situation, grabbing your ID, birth certificate, or social security card may be the last thing on your mind or it may not even be an option.
- Once you have lost your ID, birth certificate, or social security card, it is extremely challenging to reobtain your documents that are necessary to prove your identity.

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Because the crime people experience homelessness, or those affected by life-altering events, they no longer have access to their ID or essential documentation. You're living in a dangerous situation, your house burned down, you don't think about grabbing your birth certificate and social security card and once you've lost your ID, your birth certificate, and your social security card, it's extremely challenging to re-obtain that information.



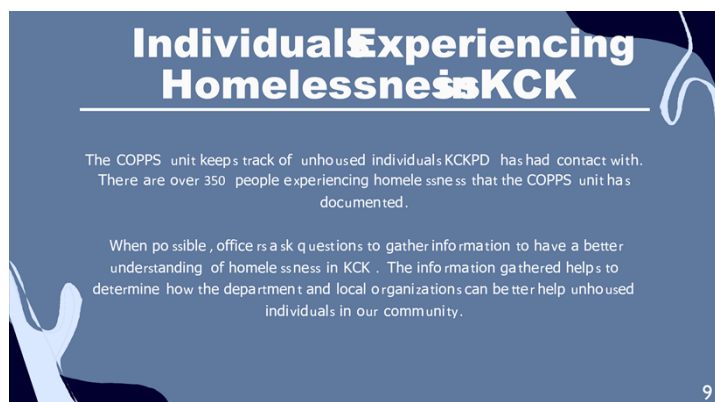
Why do We Need the KCKID?

The KCK ID will help organizations in the to better serve our community's most vulnerable populations. Organizations assist individuals to obtain their essential documentation, but it can be time-consuming and nearly impossible in some circumstances. This project will have a positive impact on...

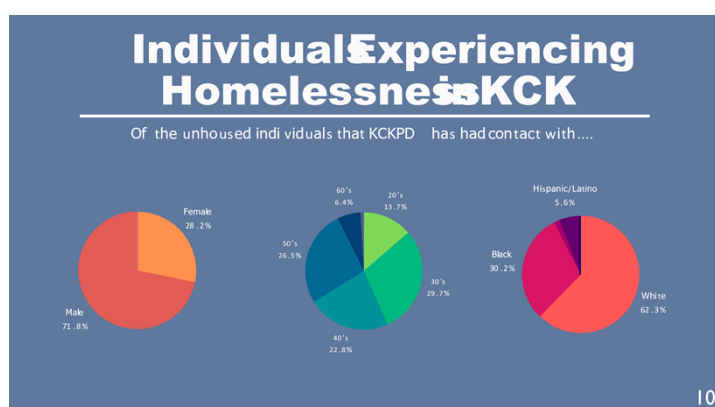
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- Care Beyond the Boulevard
- Veronica's Voice
- Frank Williams
- Wyandotte Mental Health

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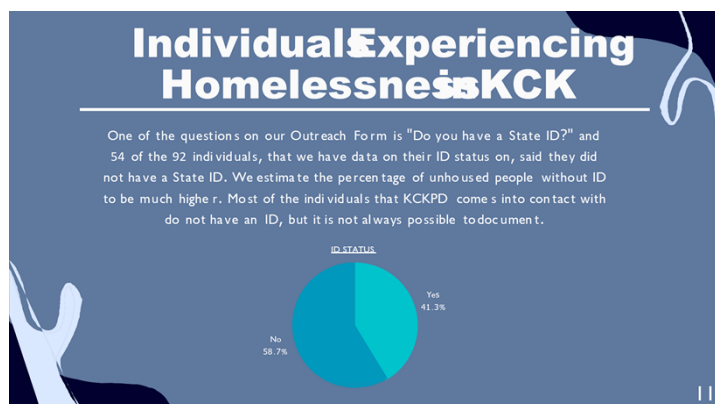
The ID will help our organizations that we partner with on a daily basis. Cross-Lines, Care Beyond the Boulevard, Veronica's Voice, Frank Williams, and Wyandotte Mental Health have all expressed to us their needs for their clientele, which is often mutual clientele that we have, and the need for this type of situation. It's time-consuming and nearly impossible to achieve your ID without this documentation.



We keep track of the unhoused individuals in KCK that contact we have contact with. As of today, there are over 350 people experiencing homelessness that we are aware of. There's many more; I'm sure, but we're unsure at this point in time. It's a time-consuming process to make identification with them. When possible, officers ask the individuals when we make contact with them if they have an ID, and oftentimes they don't.



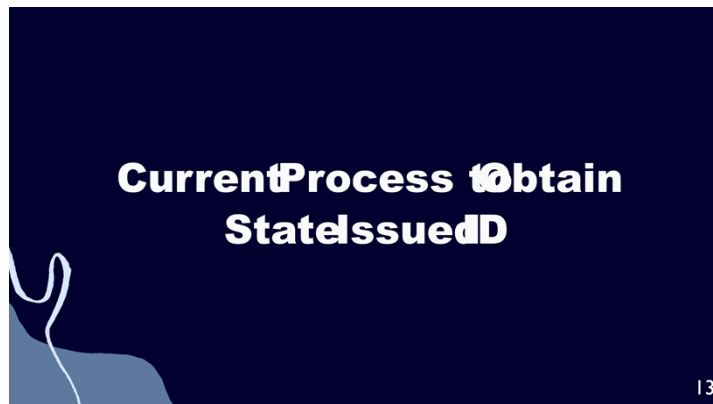
This kind of is a graphic that we put together of the gender of the homeless people that we have made contact with. In the middle is the age breakdown. The 30s is 29.7% and people in their 50s is 26.5%, our highest age in population, and then the demographic breakdown on the other side of the screen.



As I started to lead to earlier, one of our questions that we ask them is, do they have a state ID. Most of them have had a state ID at one point or another and as I mentioned earlier, it's been lost or stolen. There are 40 some percent, 41% who say they have. Over 58% don't have an ID.



An ID is necessary for many vital community resources: renting a home, obtaining employment, exercising the right to vote, renting a hotel or motel room is a simple thing as that. Accessing public benefits through whatever resources that they can try to make contact with here. So here, I'll let Erin explain the process.



So, I'll go over the current process to obtain an ID in Kansas.



If it's your first time, you'll need a document from List A. For most people, that's going to be your birth certificate.



Then you'll also need a document from list D, which is most commonly going to be your social security card.

FirstTimers

If it's your first time obtaining a Kansas ID, you will need ...

- One Document from List A
- One Document from List D
- Two Proofs of Kansas Residency from List C...

List C

- If you reside with someone and do not have a proof of address listed on this list, the individual with whom you reside can accompany you to the office and provide two proofs of address along with their identification and complete a certification of address at the station.
- Current Kansas vehicle registration or title
- Utility bill or equivalent no more than two months old
- Financial institution such as a bank statement, deed, or mortgage
- Kansas Voter Registration Card
- Rent or lease agreement
- Current auto, life or home owners insurance bill with applicant's name and address
- Current educational transcript/school grade card
- Current professional license by a U.S. agency
- Current W-2 or 1099 Mail from a federal, state, county or city agency
- Department of Corrections Certificate of Identification

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You'll need to be able to prove your Kansas residency using two items from List C, so that could be a W-2, a financial statement, a voter registration card, etc.

LostID?

If you are replacing a lost ID, you will need ...

- Two Forms of Identification
- One Form of Proof of Kansas Residency from List C

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If you're replacing a lost ID, you'll still need to have two forms of identification and one form of proof of your Kansas residency.

So...why is this a problem?

How does this process prevent people from obtaining ID?

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So why is this a problem and how does this process right now prevent people from obtaining their ID?

What are the Barriers to Obtain ID?

- Cost of ID
 - A Kansas ID can cost between \$10 – \$24
- Ability to Travel to KDOR Location
 - There is only one DMV location in Wyandotte County
- Proof of Residency
 - Virtually impossible for unheltered individuals
 - Requires documents that an individual may have lost or no longer have access to
- Possession of Essential Documents
 - Essential documents, like a social security card and birth certificate, are often lost for housing insecure individuals

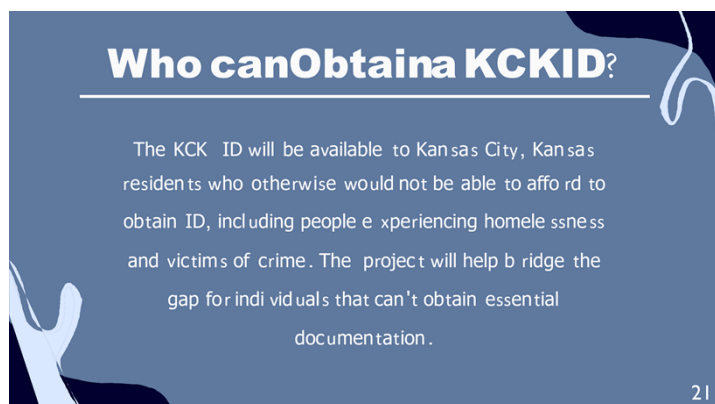
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So there's lots of barriers that come with getting a state ID. Cost is one of them. A Kansas ID can cost anywhere from \$10 – \$24. I'm sure most people in this meeting, that seems like a very low number but that's not the case for everybody, especially if you can't access your funds because you don't have your state ID. So all you might have is the cash on you and that \$10 – \$24 might—have other priorities. So that is definitely a barrier for a lot of people.

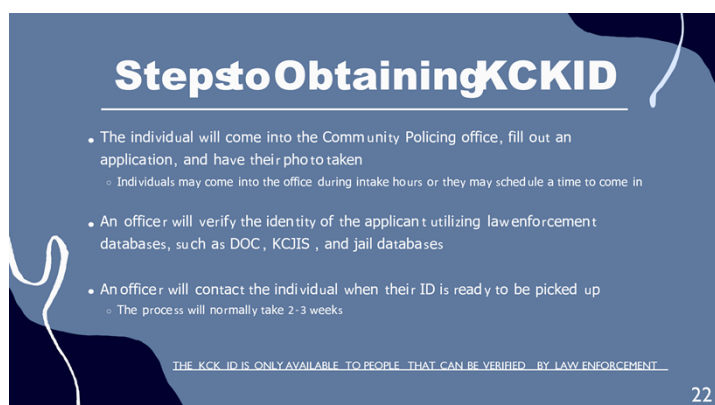
The ability to travel to the DMV, that means you have to have transportation of some sort and there's only one location in Wyandotte County. Then you have to prove your residency, which is pretty much impossible for people experiencing homelessness in our community. It requires documents that you may not have, or you no longer have access to. You'll also need to have possession of your essential documents like your social security card, birth certificate, and those are often lost for housing insecure people. Officer Lynn is going to talk about how the KCK ID will work.

How will the KCK ID work?

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Officer Lynn said the KCK ID will be available for Kansas City, Kansas residents who otherwise would not be able to afford to obtain ID, including people experiencing homelessness and victims of crime. This project focuses to help bridge the gap for individuals who can't obtain essential documentation.



The primary at this point in time—the steps are to obtain an ID would be an individual coming to the Community Policing Office, fill out an application and have their photo taken. Individuals may come in the office during hours or schedule a time to do that. I'm going to add here, at this point in time, our partners, Cross–Lines and Frank Williams, specifically Cross–Lines, has expressed an interest in doing a remote application day on this particular day at a regular time. So an officer from our unit would go down at a specific time and accept applications, take a picture, and then have people at that location apply at that time so they don't necessarily have to come to our office for this.

After we have received that information, the officer will verify the identity of that application utilizing law enforcement databases such as the Department of Corrections, KCJIS, jail databases, Kansas DMV databases and the officer will contact individuals when their ID is

ready to be picked up. It can take between 2 – 3 weeks. The KCK ID is only available to people that can be verified by law enforcement.

The Application

Information Needed to Fill Out Application

- Full Legal Name - Date of Birth - Personal Demographic s - Phone Number - Social Security Number	- Driver's License/ID Number, if applicable - Last Known Address(es) - Tattoo Description, if applicable - Previous Employers, if applicable - Education History, if applicable
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This is some of information that is going to be gathered on the application. Full legal name, date of birth, demographic, phone number, social security number. Pretty much a standard application.

What will the cards look like?

- Legal Name - Photo of Individual - Signature - Date of Birth	- Personal Demographic s - Address/Location - Name of Issuing Office r - Kansas State ID Number
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Picture of City of Topeka ID Example

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The picture here is the city ID example of what they've created in their jurisdiction. It would have their legal name, photo ID, a place for a signature, date of birth, height, weight, address location and sometimes those addresses are going to be the address of the homeless shelter where they're already receiving their mail anyway oftentimes. Then there'll be a state ID number at that point in time. I'll explain how that applies.



Verification Process

- Verification process will only be done by a law enforcement officer utilizing available databases, such as KCJIS, KDOC, and jail databases
- An officer will run a background check and must be able to confirm the applicant's identity with a minimum two state-level law enforcement database sources
 - misdemeanor outstanding warrants will not necessarily prevent a person from obtaining ID
- Filling out an application does not guarantee that an individual will be able to obtain a KCK ID

IF THE APPLICANT'S IDENTITY CAN NOT BE VERIFIED, NO ID WILL BE ISSUED

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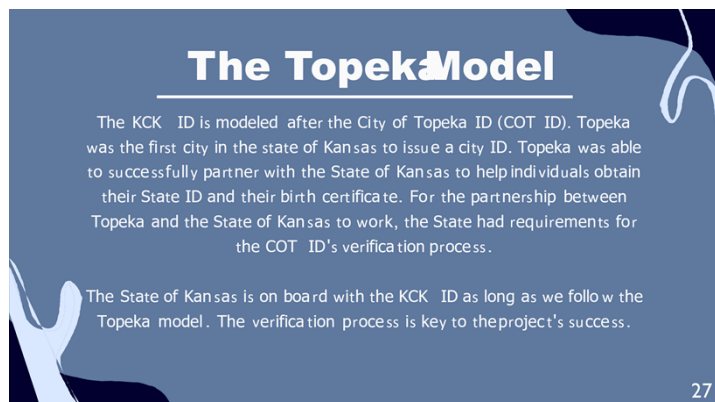
The verification process can only be done by law enforcement officers through the databases that are available to us. We'll run the check and confirm the person's identity with a minimum of two state level law enforcement databases. I want to add in there, we may use other states. If a person is from Georgia, let's say, and that's the last state they had an ID in, we'll make contact with Georgia state officials and verify their identity that way, which might extend the application process some, but we would be able to verify that person's identity. At any rate, misdemeanors, outstanding warrants will not prevent a person from obtaining an ID. This is not a tool in order to do crime-fighting. This is a tool to help the community and to help our people experiencing homelessness and crime prevention. Just because you fill out an application doesn't mean you're going to get an ID. If we can't verify who you are with the information that we're able to ascertain, an ID will not be issued.



Why are these the steps the KCK ID will follow?

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Why are these the steps the KCK ID Program will follow?



The Topeka Model

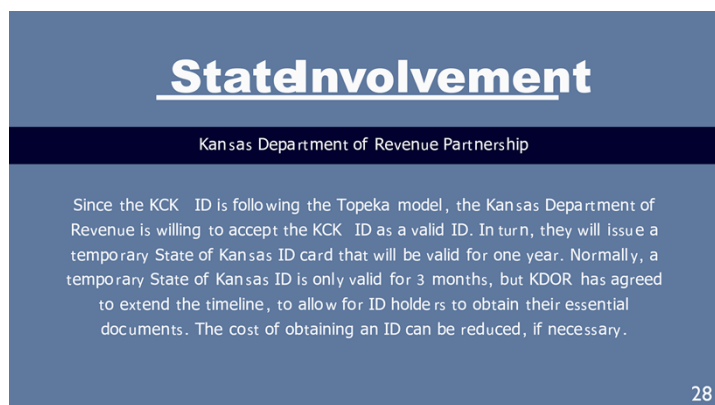
The KCK ID is modeled after the City of Topeka ID (COT ID). Topeka was the first city in the state of Kansas to issue a city ID. Topeka was able to successfully partner with the State of Kansas to help individuals obtain their State ID and their birth certificate. For the partnership between Topeka and the State of Kansas to work, the State had requirements for the COT ID's verification process.

The State of Kansas is on board with the KCK ID as long as we follow the Topeka model. The verification process is key to the project's success.

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Because the City of Topeka has broken the ground for us. They started this program since 2018 and we spoke with them when they came to our city. We were immediately interested in doing this. They reached out and they paved the way with our state partners in doing this with our partnership with the State of Kansas. In order for this partnership to work, we have to follow the city ID verification process that Topeka has begun.

The State of Kansas is on board with the KCK ID Program as long as we follow the Topeka model, that includes the DMV and the Office of Vital Statistics.



State Involvement

Kansas Department of Revenue Partnership

Since the KCK ID is following the Topeka model, the Kansas Department of Revenue is willing to accept the KCK ID as a valid ID. In turn, they will issue a temporary State of Kansas ID card that will be valid for one year. Normally, a temporary State of Kansas ID is only valid for 3 months, but KDOR has agreed to extend the timeline, to allow for ID holders to obtain their essential documents. The cost of obtaining an ID can be reduced, if necessary.

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So the Department of Revenue partnership with KCK ID, following the Topeka model, the Kansas Department of Revenue is willing to accept the KCK ID as a valid ID. In turn, they will issue a temporary state ID card that would be valid for one year. Normally it is only valid for three months but they're extending that to allow the ID holders to obtain their essential documents, and oftentimes the cost of obtaining this ID will be reduced.

State Involvement

Office of Vital Statistics Partnership

Since the KCK is following Topeka's model, the Office of Vital Statistics is willing to work with the KCK ID Project. The Office of Vital Statistics understands that the barriers individuals may face when trying to obtain their birth certificate. They have agreed that once an individual obtains their temporary State of Kansas ID, they will be able to issue the individual's birth certificate to them.

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The Office of Vital Statistics is willing to work with the KCK Project as they understand the barriers individuals may face trying to obtain their birth certificate. They agree that once an individual obtains their temporary Kansas ID, they will be able to issue the individual's birth certificate to them.

How will an individual obtain a State ID?

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But how would an individual obtain a state ID?

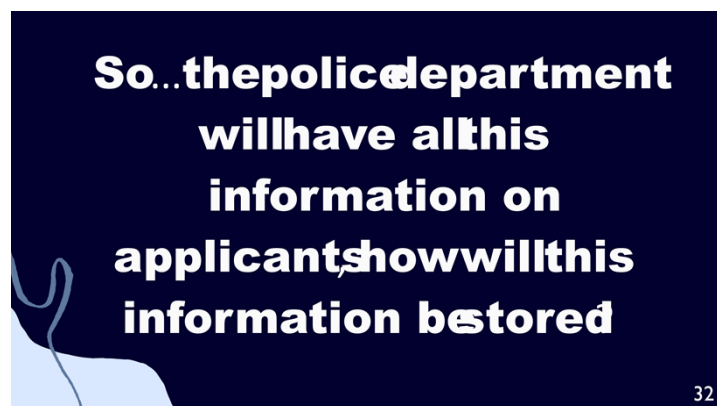
Steps to Obtain State of Kansas ID

Once an individual has their KCK ID, they will need to:

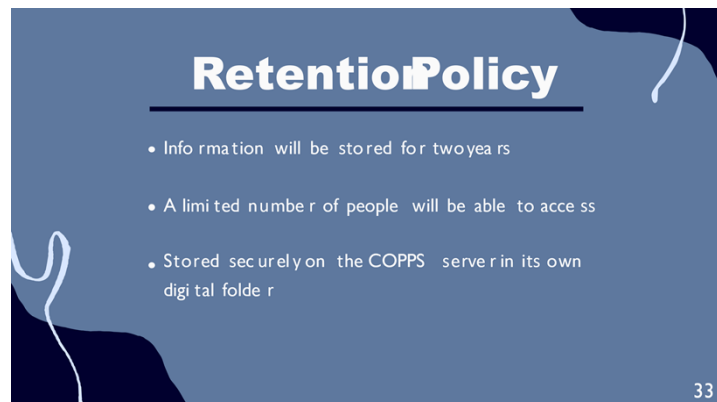
1. Schedule an appointment to go with a COPPS member to the designated KDOR location
2. During the scheduled time, bring KCK ID and any other documentation the individual may have
3. KDOR will then issue the individual a temporary State ID
4. The temporary state ID will be mailed to KCKPD and a COPPS member will notify the individual when it's ready
5. With the temporary State ID, the individual can then obtain their birth certificate from the Office of Vital Statistics
6. With the temporary State ID and birth certificate, the individual can then obtain their social security card
7. Once the individual has their social security card, birth certificate, and temporary state ID, they will have all necessary documents to obtain a Kansas State ID that is valid for 6 years

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Ms. Huerta said so the steps to obtain a State of Kansas ID is once an individual has their KCK ID, the first thing is they'll need to schedule an appointment with an officer to go to the DMV. They can do that when they pick up their KCK ID. During that time, they'll bring their ID and if they have any documentation, they should bring that as well. Then the DMV will issue a temporary state ID, mail it to the Police Department, and an officer will notify the individual when it's ready. Once they have that temporary state ID, the individual can then go get their birth certificate from the Office of Vital Statistics. Once they have their temporary state ID and their birth certificate, they can go get their social security card, and once they have all of that; they have everything that they need to get their Kansas State ID.

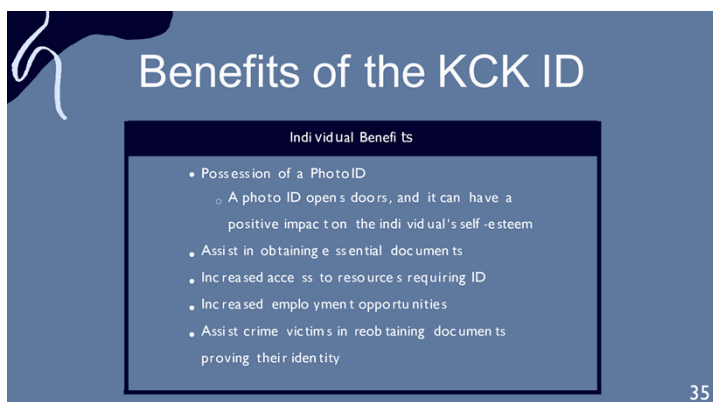


So the Police Department is going to have all this information on these applicants. How are we going to store it?



So our retention policy will store the information for two years. The reason that it will be stored for two years is so that if somebody needs to have their KCK ID reissued, or maybe another agency calls and they need to confirm the identity of somebody, we'll have that information on file. A

limited number of people will have access to it because it will be stored securely on the COPPS server in its own digital folder.



So the benefits of this project for the individual is having a photo ID number one. That's huge. It opens so many doors. If you're someone who has gone a long time without a photo ID, it can really have a positive impact on your self-esteem. It just kind of reaffirms like you can show anyone who asks, yes this is me. I'm Erin and here's my ID. That's huge for a lot of people. It will also assist in obtaining essential documents, increase access to resources requiring an ID, increase employment opportunities, and assist crime victims in re-obtaining documents to prove their identity.

Benefits of the KCK ID

Community Benefits

- May result in an increase of housed individuals
- Increase in positive interactions between KCKPD Officers and members of the community
 - Individuals will have several positive interactions with Police Officers when they go through the process of obtaining their KCK ID
- Increased ability to identify members of the community

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For the community, it may result in an increase of housed individuals because there are so many programs that require an ID and that is a major hang-up. It really extends that timeline that somebody is unsheltered. So we may see more people find temporary or permanent housing and will increase positive interactions between the Police Department and members of the community. These individuals will have several positive interactions with police officers when they go through this process and will have an increased ability to identify members of the community.

Success of Topeka's COT ID

Topeka began issuing the COT ID in 2018. In that time ...

- Applicant Total: 1,253 Individuals
 - 95% Verification Rate
- Reprint Estimate: 200 IDs
 - Due to Expiration or Loss

Many of the people experiencing homelessness that were able to obtain a COT ID, were able to obtain housing through city programs and access other benefits.



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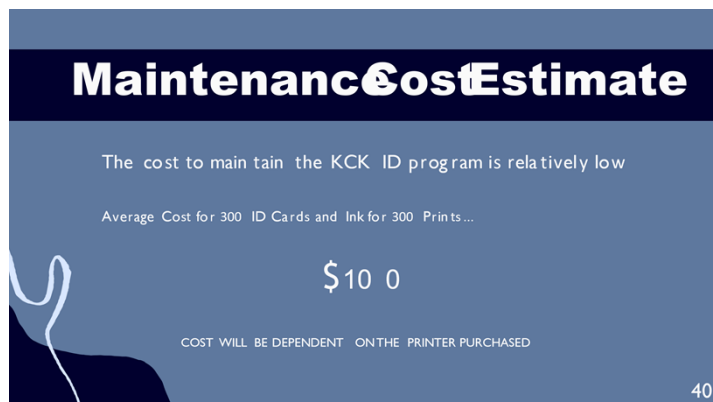
So we know that this can work and that these benefits will fly because Topeka has had so much success. They started issuing their COT ID in 2018 and in that time, they've had over 1,200 applicants. They've been able to verify more than 95% of those people. When I spoke to Sergeant Klamm over at the city of Topeka ID, he didn't have an exact number on how many IDs that they have had to reprint, so it hasn't been a huge issue. It's mostly been to the ID had expired or maybe it had been lost. So he estimated around 200 IDs. Many of the people who were able to obtain a COT ID that were experiencing homelessness were able to obtain housing through city programs or access other benefits.



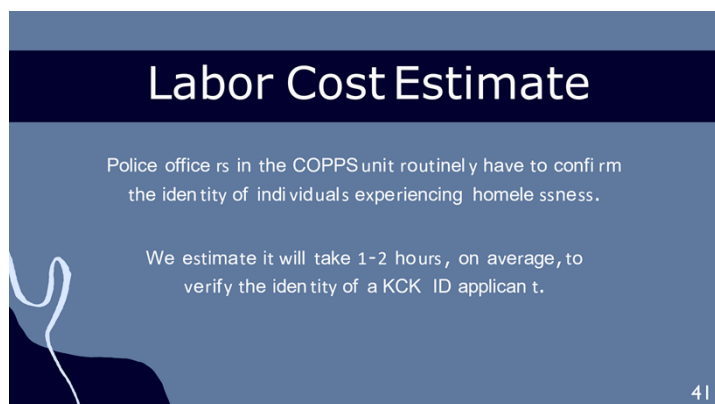
So what are the costs of this project?



So the startup cost is relatively low. To create 100 cards and purchase a printer, it's between \$1,500 – \$2,200. That cost is dependent on the type of printer purchased and, of course, there is a maintenance cost with this. That is really low as well.



To print 300 cards and the ink for 300 prints, is \$100, give or take, but that cost is dependent, of course, on the printer purchased.



There is a labor cost that goes along with this project. The police officers in the COPPS Unit routinely have to confirm the identity of individuals experiencing homelessness. So this is already work that they're doing, but now there will be this added benefit. We estimate it'll take around 1 – 2 hours on average to confirm the identity of an applicant. Now Officer Lynn will take over from here.



Officer Lynn said so, there have been other municipal ID projects proposed and how will our ID program be different. Our primary focus and primary objective with the ID is to help people get a legal state ID. It's virtually impossible to replace any lost documentation if you don't have a state ID. That is our first and foremost project focus on this. Primary focus of other municipal ID programs is to assist individuals in accessing local benefits.

How does the KCK ID Project differ from Other Proposed Municipal IDs?

Primary Objective of ID

The KCK ID Project's primary focus is to assist individuals in replacing the necessary documents to obtain a State of Kansas ID. It is virtually impossible to replace lost documentation without a State ID.

- The primary focus of other proposed municipal ID programs is to assist individuals in accessing local benefits.

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How does the KCK ID Project differ from Other Proposed Municipal IDs?

Verification Process

KCK ID Project

- The verification process must be stringent because it must be able to adhere to state guidelines in order to partner with the State of Kansas

Other Proposed ID Projects

- The verification process is too lenient to have the ability to partner with the state to assist individuals in obtaining an ID or their essential documents

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The KCK ID project, our verification program must be stringent, has to be stringent, because it must be able to adhere to state guidelines in order to partner with the state of Kansas, the Department of DMV and the Office of Vital Statistics.

The other proposed ID projects, the verification process may be too lenient to have the ability to partner with the state, to assist individuals in obtaining an ID, or other essential documents.

How does the KCK ID Project Differ from Other Proposed Municipal IDs?

Benefits

Other Proposed ID Projects

- The benefits of other proposed ID projects are limited. The success of these projects relies on the hope that organizations will accept the ID as a valid photo ID. Many vital resources, like access to banking services and public benefits, have regulations they must abide by, and most proposed ID projects will not meet the standard.

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Other ID projects or benefits of that are limited. The success of those projects rely on the hope that all organizations will accept the ID as a valid ID. Many vital resources like accessing the bank services and public benefits have regulations they have to abide by and in most projects, ID products will not meet that standard.

How does the KCK ID Project Differ from Other Proposed Municipal IDs?

Benefits

KCK ID Project

- The KCK ID will open doors for members of the community. It will allow people to obtain their State ID - which is vital to access the most impactful resources and services available.
- The KCK ID is compliant with Federal I-9 Employment Eligibility Verification Standards, which is essential for individuals seeking employment.

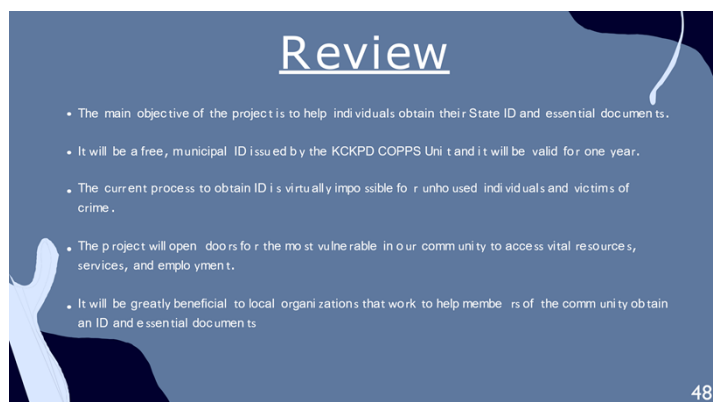
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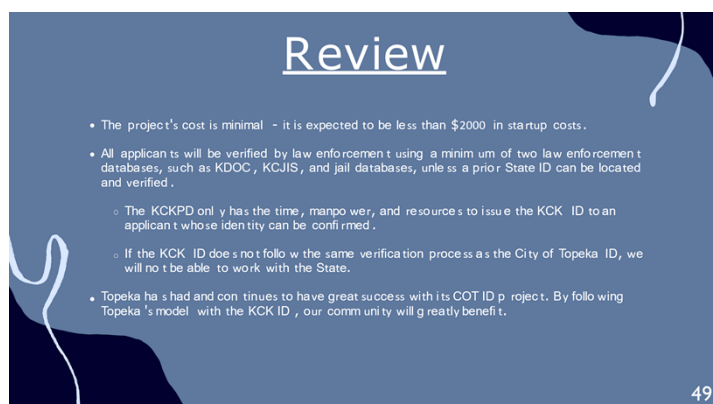
I spoke to a few temporary employment agencies in our area and they have acknowledged that if we had a city ID program, a valid ID person who'd come in with that, they would recognize that as an ID, so it would help people get jobs.

Let's Review the Key Points of the KCK ID Project...

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Ms. Huerta said so we've thrown a lot of information at you, so let's review the key points of the project. The main objective, of course, is to help people obtain their state ID and their essential documents. It will be a free municipal ID issued by the Police Department, and it's going to be valid for one year. The current process to obtain the state ID is pretty much impossible for unhoused individuals and victims of crime. The project will open doors for the most vulnerable in our community to access vital resources, services, and employment. It will be greatly beneficial to local organizations that work to help members of the community obtain an ID and their essential documents. It's really going to speed up that timeline, which also speeds up how soon someone can access benefits.



The cost of the project is pretty low, expected to be less than \$2,000. All applicants will have to be verified by a law enforcement officer, using a minimum of two law enforcement databases, unless a prior state ID can be located and verified. The KCK Police Department only really has the time, manpower and resources to issue the KCK ID to an applicant whose identity can be confirmed. If the KCK ID does not follow the same verification process as the city of Topeka, we're not going to be able to work with the state and that is kind of the key part of this project is

being able to work with the state and help people get their state of Kansas ID and their birth certificate.



So Topeka has had and continues to have great success with their program. By following their model, we can—our community can greatly benefit. So now we're ready for questions, comments, and concerns.

Officer Lynn said just a minute here. I did want to add in some of this; in doing the homeless outreach that we've been doing in our unit for the past, like I said 18 months or so, I can recall off the top of my head at least a dozen people, whom I've encountered, who are experiencing homelessness in which they actually, all they need is a state ID. If they had an ID, they could access the bank. If they could access their bank account, they would have money for a hotel.

In working with some of our partners on doing this outreach, oftentimes the housing for getting these individuals into a shelter in the sense that the housing people have to follow, one of those is that they have to have an ID so it slows down the process for people getting housing if they have to take two, three, sometimes months, in order to get an ID. With our city ID program, some of those individuals who are waiting for housing, because they don't have an ID, we can facilitate that and speed that process up by getting their city ID, of which our community partners through Cross-Lines, Frank Wilson, Care Beyond the Boulevard, and several others have acknowledged that they would accept that as a form of ID, which would facilitate them getting help that much quicker.

Chairman Bynum said thank you very much for the presentation. We'll take questions and comments from our committee members.

Commissioner Ramirez said thank you, Deputy Waldeck and everyone at the PD for bringing this forward. All of us, except Commissioner Philbrook, we were all on the same on-threes. I was with Commissioner Bynum, Markley, and Johnson, so I'm not going to repeat everything that I said. But I do want to say, I did speak to Rob Santel with Cross-Lines and some of the Cross-Lines staff. We had a conversation about this, on top of other many things, but one of the things we did speak about was this ID program. I do want to apologize for my initial apprehension to the program. We had the conversation and he helped me realize that this KCK ID is different than what Commissioners Bynum, Johnson and I are working with task force members pertaining to a municipal ID. These are totally two different programs, initiatives, and projects that I do strongly believe that will benefit the community as a whole with both projects, but I do support this ID program.

It is a very targeted group that this program helps. It's a group that needs the help. I know during the pandemic, I had some phone calls from constituents who had some issues with some of our residents who are homeless and they may have or may not have been causing issues. I tried to reassure them and tell them that yes, they may not have a home, they may be having issues, but they're still residents, they're still Wyandotte Countians, and we need to help them with anything and everything that we can. I think this ID program will help with that.

So, again, I just want to say I apologize for my initial apprehension. I needed the time to not decompress but take in all of the information and then have that conversation with Rob Santel to help me fully understand the program as a whole. I completely agree with it, and I think it's an amazing program.

The other question and I believe it was mentioned when I was speaking to Rob Santel, he did—he then asked me to ask if the PD would have an opportunity to meet the homeless residents where they are pertaining to obtaining an ID. I think that was mentioned about a remote application process. I think that's a great idea because not all of our homeless residents may be able to have the opportunity to get to a police station or the COPPS police office to get an ID. So I think once in a while if we are able to provide that remote process in some way, I think that is a great idea as well. So thank you for the presentation and thank you for all that you do for our community.

Commissioner Philbrook said I see Pamela Waldeck was about ready to say something so please talk to us and answer to him. **Deputy Chief Waldeck** said I was just going to thank Commissioner

Ramirez for having an open mind and hearing us out. We really do appreciate that. Thank you very much.

Commissioner Philbrook said I, too, do really appreciate our Police Department taking this on because as they well know, they get to deal with the homeless and a lot of folks that really do need some help. Having an idea is a big thing. I think it's an excellent great start. I really applaud our community steps forward. And you're right, Commissioner. I have not been on the committee with you guys, but I am on a lot of homeless committee projects and in the middle of it, so I understand what's happening and some of the very, very difficult things that people are having to go through. I don't even want to imagine what that's like. That's one of my biggest fears is having to be homeless and that's not a place I want to go. I'll be moving in with one of you instead of being homeless, just to let you know; warn you ahead of time. Thanks so much for all your work. Christian and Commissioner Bynum, thank you for that work and everybody else that's been on the other committee. Every once in a while, somebody tells me what's going on and I appreciate that too. So, thank you so much.

Commissioner Johnson said thank you to all of our presenters from the Police Department. I mostly have a comment. I obviously think this is something that is desperately needed. Persons that are returning citizens from being incarcerated are persons that are homeless. I think you all call them un—what do we call them? Unsheltered. **Chairman Bynum** said unhoused. **Commissioner Johnson** said yes, unhoused. Okay. I'm learning the new politically correct designations. Having said that, as you all know, we've been working diligently for quite some time, for years in fact, with our undocumented populations. I think you all made it clear, but I want to, just for the record, to be able to confirm that this is not something that is available for our undocumented populations. Is that correct? **Officer Lynn** said yes, that is correct, Commissioner. It has to be—due to the verification process, it has to be done for people who are persons of a community.

Commissioner Johnson said okay, okay. Well, and again, I do support any means of identifying oneself as a means of inclusion in our great community here in Wyandotte County. I do think that we should keep in mind our undocumented populations and maybe this is not the solution for that, but could serve as a precursor or a means by which we can create a document or

a means of identification for that very vulnerable population that is here, that has been here and that will continue to be here in Wyandotte County. So I just want to make that comment in the interest of inclusions of all Wyandotte Countians that we keep these things in mind as well. Thank you. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you, Commissioner.

Chairman Bynum asked, are there other comments or questions from our committee members? If not, I know there are some attendees on the call tonight. If any of our attendees would like to speak, you would be given three minutes to state your comments. We would ask your name and city of residence. We would also ask that you tell us your questions so that we can try to capture them and answer them. So, any attendees on the call want to speak, raise your hand. I'm trying to monitor. **Bridgette Cobbins, Interim Assistant County Administrator**, said Chair, I'm not seeing any hands raised at this time. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you. I don't see any either.

I will say that, to echo Commissioner Johnson, we've been working pretty diligently with a coalition of community partners to bring forward something that could be similar to this, but for a broader target population. I'm not against the KCK Police Department ID program, but my concern is confusion for when we do get a broader municipal ID program that benefits more members of our county. If I'm not mistaken, Deputy Chief, I believe we confirmed that this initiative does not require commission approval to move forward like our similar municipal ID would. Is that your understanding as well? **Deputy Chief Waldeck** said that is my understanding regarding the city ID.

Chairman Bynum said just one more question. Do you—I understand it's urgent and that your community officers who are working homeless outreach, are looking for solutions to help our several target populations that are involved with this, but we have a new chief who's going to start in about three weeks. Has there been any discussion with our new police chief and the initiatives and ideas and tactics that he might be hoping to bring forward? Are we planning to brief him on this and start it once he has become our chief? Can you kind of give us a little notion of that? **Deputy Chief Waldeck** said we don't have a timeline at this time. I would imagine that we will brief him. We have not talked to him about it yet, and we don't have a rollout timeline. So I would imagine we will discuss this with him. **Chairman Bynum** said okay, and you don't necessarily see it coming forward any time prior to his arrival. **Deputy Chief Waldeck** said I think that it would take us two or three weeks anyway to get the format of the IDs and everything ordered and

in pocket and everything laid out, so I don't foresee this being rolled out prior to his arrival. **Chairman Bynum** said okay, thank you so much.

Commissioner Johnson said I would just say, I would ask that you at least wait for him to get here. It's a request that you would at least wait for the incoming police chief to get in pocket before you roll that out and allow him to speak to it one way or the other. That would be my request, just to be more concrete in that in the sense of when that might roll out. **Deputy Chief Waldeck** said understood.

Chairman Bynum said all right. I am not seeing any attendees or any more of our committee requesting to speak on this item. I will thank you all for taking your time to bring it to us tonight. I really appreciate that. I think it's important for the public to know and understand the work that you're trying to do here. It is an information item. It's not a voting item. So, we do thank you very much for bringing it forward tonight. **Deputy Chief Waldeck** said thank you for the opportunity. We appreciate it. **Chairman Bynum** said absolutely. I really am glad that you were able to bring it on such short notice.

Action: For information only.

Item No. 1 – 21826...ORDINANCE: REVISIONS TO MUNICIPAL SANITARY AND SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

Synopsis: An ordinance relating to regulations for the disposal of wastewater, discharge prohibitions, sewer connections, wastewater discharge permitting, service charges, pumping and transportation of wastewaters, Health Department permitting for transportation of wastewater, on-site wastewater systems, and the fat, oil, and grease control program, submitted by Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works.

Jeff Fisher, Executive Director of Public Works, said, Commissioner, Jonathan Wiles is going to quickly run through a presentation tonight. Troy Shaw had to, because of technical difficulties, had to leave so Misty and I and Jonathan through this—he actually needs to leave by 6:15, so we're going to sort of quickly highlight the presentation and field questions the best we can.

Misty Brown, Chief Counsel, said I believe Jonathan Wiles is in the participant section. **Melissa Sieben, Assistant County Administrator**, said, yes, he is. **Ms. Cobbins** said he's a panelist. **Ms. Brown** said, oh, there he is? **Ms. Sieben** said he just got promoted. **Mr. Fisher** said thank you.



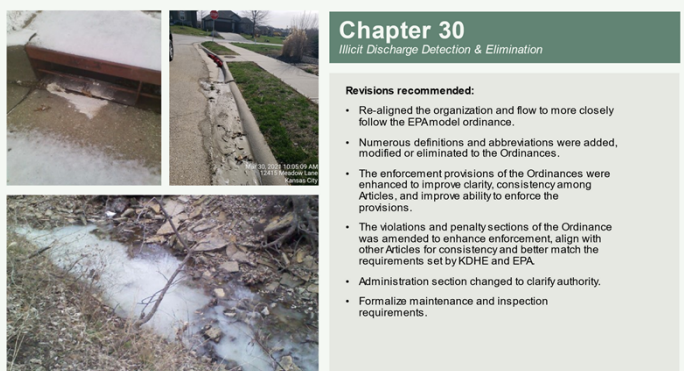
Jonathan Wiles, Engineering Project Manager, said this is the ordinance changes or ordinance updates to Chapter 30. This kind of goes hand-in-hand a little bit with Chapter 8 we talked about a few weeks ago.

Chapter 30 Ordinance Updates

2020 KDHE MS4 Permit
Revisions to ordinances
require updates for
compliance

- General purpose is to:
 - Keep our streams/creeks clean for our residents
 - Provide a partnership to our developing community to keep development moving forward in a safe and environmentally friendly way.

This is related to the illicit discharge detection and elimination and some of the items that go along with that. This, once again, just provides clarity from the previous ordinances. It provides clarity from the previous ordinances with definitions, responsibility, and enforcement. It provides consistency with the EPA model ordinance and standardizes processes, assessments; and then ensures we're meeting our federal and state stormwater requirements.



This follows the model EPA ordinance in four different ways. It delineates the responsibilities between the general community and the UG, provides clarification and expectation for enforcement, bridges a partnership with the community while still meeting all state and federal stormwater requirements, and then encourages community pride in our infrastructure and natural resources. So with that, Misty, did you have anything to add?

Ms. Brown said I will say Jonathan has touched on the highlights of the ordinance. I know this was a robust ordinance change and quite lengthy. I mean when you're looking at it, you'll see the first 16 pages of it deals with definition and abbreviation changes. There's a number of small but significant changes that's going to help the Unified Government better enforce the ordinances that we have in place. For example, it clarifies the authority of the Health Department versus the Director of Water Pollution Control, and that the Health Department deals with the septic systems and Water Pollution Control deals with the main sewer system. It goes in and it clarifies that discharges that would hurt our sanitary sewer or combined sewer or even our stormwater are prohibited. It lists out a variety of things in there that cannot be put in the storm sewer from leaves to mud. I think you saw that in one of the photos that Jonathan sent. It seems innocent, but it can wreak a lot of havoc on our system.

It tailors our fat, oil, and grease program to be more specific and ensures that if folks are having a good service establishment and they're clogging up the lines with grease, it used to be every 12 months we could come back and issue a violation and some sort of fine on it, but now we're going back 24 months because frankly, cleaning the lines every 12 months can be a burden on the utility. At the same time, it does kind of scope it back out to say facilities that are doing only prepackaged food or just doing drinks kind of like Starbucks wouldn't necessarily need to have a grease trap though they might meet the definition in the ordinance. So that's a bit more friendly for the businesses in our community and then it does insert six new sections in there.

They talk about a duty to protect our watercourses. I think you've all gotten complaints over time of someone who might have a natural stream in their backyard and trash building up into it that can cause flooding. So it clarifies that anyone that has this water course on their property, they need to keep it free from rubbish and keep it from becoming a hazard. It talks about the duties to do recordkeeping and share those records with the Unified Government if it becomes an issue and we ask. Then it includes three new sections that the EPA specifically requested dealing with industrial users for pretreatment standards and reporting requirements and compliance schedules. So, again, I know it was a big ordinance but it's necessary and I think it's going to help the utility overall. **Chairman Bynum** said, Misty, thank you very much.

Commissioner Philbrook said thank you for going through and redoing that Yeoman's job. I know that there was a lot of stuff that needed to be updated to come in line with the state regulations. But, also, does this help us significantly in recouping of costs that are caused by people putting things in our sewers? I know when I used to work down there, we did—when I used to work down between the digesters and we did all our testing, then that allowed us to charge people for putting things in there that shouldn't be in or too much of it. So how does that look on revamping of money and collection for that sort of thing?

Ms. Brown said I'm happy to answer it, but this is Jeff and Jonathan's baby. Would either of you like to speak to it? I think it helps because it clarifies the process on how we'd go about doing that, but—**Commissioner Philbrook** said I don't know. Jonathan has a silly grin. He looks like he wants to say something. **Mr. Wiles** said, well no. I appreciate it. No, it really does. It provides us with the mechanisms we're going to need to go out and provide that enforcement and then properly abate so that the UG is not footing the bill.

Commissioner Philbrook said so this is a little tighter. In other words, they don't have a comeback to try to wiggle out of it. You guys can tell them this is how much it's going to cost you to play this way and that'll help us pay for taking care of that waste. Is that correct? **Mr. Wiles** said that's correct. Hopefully, we can tighten up with yard waste in the right-of-way and things that are clogging the storm sewer system construction waste that enters the MS4, swimming pool discharges that are superchlorinated or hyperchlorinated so it'll tie all that together. **Commissioner Philbrook** said yeah, along with a lot of the gray water that gets sent down to our little streams and so on because it doesn't get put through the septic tanks, that sort of thing. **Mr.**

Wiles said yes, that was a little bit. That was a cooperation between our division and the Water Pollution Control Lab Division. Scott Craig and I had some collaboration on that. I think that was one of the things that he worked with. **Commissioner Philbrook** said okay. Thank you for answering that long winded question. I appreciate it. **Mr. Wiles** said my pleasure.

Chairman Bynum asked, are there other comments or questions from our committee members? Is there anyone in attendance that would like to speak to this item? **Ms. Godsil** said there are no hands raised. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you. Clerk, did we receive any comments from the public? **Ms. Godsil** said no comments were received. **Chairman Bynum** said thank you very much. This is a voting item to make the revisions to this ordinance.

Action: **Commissioner Markley made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Ramirez, to approve.** Roll call was taken on the motion and there were six “Ayes,” Philbrook, Ramirez, Markley, Bynum, Groneman, Johnson.

Adjourn:

Chairman Bynum adjourned the meeting at 6:01 p.m.

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