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Legislation Text

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RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A SINGLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR SEDGWICK COUNTY AND THE CITY OF WICHITA.

Presented by: Justin Waggoner, Assistant County Counselor.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Take the action deemed appropriate by the Board of County Commissioners.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 12-759, counties and cities with zoning provisions are required to establish boards of zoning appeals. The board of zoning appeals ("BZA") has traditionally heard variance requests and appeals of Metropolitan Area Planning Department ("MAPD") staff determinations and interpretations. Prior to 2012, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita ("City") had separate BZAs.

In 2012, through Resolution No. 162-12, the County entered into a joint BZA with the City, which made the Metropolitan Area Planning Commission ("MAPC") the BZA for matters in both the City's city limits and the unincorporated area of Sedgwick County.

In 2015, through Resolution No. 62-2015, the County repealed Resolution No. 162-12 and established a Sedgwick County-only BZA.

The proposed resolution would reunify the County and City into a single BZA such that the MAPC would once again serve as the BZA within both jurisdictions, effective May 1, 2017, for any matters filed after 4:01 P.M. on March 27, 2017. It would also repeal Resolution No. 62-2015.

Alternatives: Not to approve the resolution and leave the distinct Sedgwick County Board of Zoning Appeals intact.

Financial Considerations: N/A

Legal Considerations: The County and City are authorized by K.S.A. 12-759(g) to have the MAPC serve as the BZA. Approval for this resolution is by a simple majority vote.

Policy Considerations: N/A

Outside Attendees: Unknown

Multimedia Presentation: N/A