Recommendations

Consider adopting Joint City Resolution No. 7296/County Resolution No. ____, establishing the Lawrence/Douglas County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

Executive Summary

The city and county are working with numerous community organizations to promote the upcoming U.S. Census. The Constitution mandates that a census be completed every ten years. 2020 Census questionnaires will officially be mailed to every resident in the United States on or before April 1, 2020. The Complete Count Committee (CCC) will work to enhance outreach regarding the upcoming census. Participation in the U.S. Census is important to cities and counties across the country because many federal and state programs are funded in accordance to results from the Census.

The city appointed Steve Maceli as co-chair to this committee and the county appointed Craig Weinaug as their co-chair. Numerous organizations throughout Douglas County have agreed to participate as a voluntary members of the Complete Count Committee to help ensure an accurate count. The local organizations are listed on the resolution and other individuals and organizations may also assist the CCC in this important effort.

Unlike other city boards, commissions or committees, the Complete Count Committee is formed at the recommendation of the U.S. Census Bureau. It tasked only to assist with U.S. Census 2020 and will be dissolved upon completion of the 2020 Census.

Strategic Plan Critical Success Factor

Effective Governance/Professional Administration
Safe, Healthy, and Welcoming Neighborhoods

Fiscal Impact

The fiscal impact to the City is $0.

Action Requested

Adopt Joint City Resolution No. 7296/County Resolution No. ____.

Attachments
WHEREAS, the United States federal government, through the Department of Commerce and the Bureau of the Census, is required to take a decennial census of the country every ten (10) years; and

WHEREAS, the results of the official census are used by the federal government to allocate approximately $675 billion annually to states and communities like the City of Lawrence and Douglas County, based in part, upon census data; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence City Commission and Douglas County Board of County Commissioners desire to develop a partnership with the U.S. Census Bureau and community organizations for the 2020 Census to ensure that efforts are made to count every person in Douglas County; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence City Commission and Douglas County Board of County Commissioners has determined it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Douglas County to establish the 2020 Census Complete Count Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LAWRENCE CITY COMMISSION AND THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Census Complete Count Committee Established. The 2020 Census Complete Count Committee is hereby established to partner with community organizations, citizens and the Census Bureau to promote the upcoming 2020 Census in Douglas County.

Section 2. Census Complete Count Committee Members. The 2020 Census Complete Count Committee is hereby established and the committee’s Steering Committee includes the following members:

Craig Weinaug, Co-Chair, appointed by Douglas County Commission
Steve Maceli, Co-Chair, appointed by Lawrence City Commission
Baker University
Baldwin City
Centro Hispano Resource Center
City of Lawrence
City of Lecompton
City of Eudora
Douglas County
Douglas County United Way
East Central Kansas Economic Opportunity Corporation
Section 3. Effective Date. The 2020 Census Complete Count Committee established in Section 1 of this Resolution shall be in full force and effect on the date of passage of this Resolution.

APPROVED BY THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, this _______ day of ___________ 2019.

APPROVED BY THE LAWRENCE CITY COMMISSION, this _______ day of ___________ 2019.

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Lisa Larsen, Mayor Michelle Derusseau, Chair

ATTEST:

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Sherri Riedemann, City Clerk Jameson D. Shew, County Clerk