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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 46

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS, FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. 14-570 AND K.S.A. 14-571 AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT RELATING TO PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS.

WHEREAS, Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas (the “Act”), provides that cities may exercise certain home rule powers, including passing charter ordinances which exempt such cities from non-uniform enactments of the Kansas Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the City of McPherson, Kansas (the “City”) is a city, as defined in the Act, duly created and organized, under the laws of the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, K.S.A. 14-570 and K.S.A. 14-571 are part of an enactment of the Kansas Legislature (K.S.A. 14-570 *et seq.*) relating to public improvements and the issuance of bonds for such purposes, which enactment is applicable to the City, but is not uniformly applicable to all cities within the State of Kansas; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the City (the “Governing Body”) desires, by charter ordinance, to exempt the City from the provisions of K.S.A. 14-570 and K.S.A. 14-571, and to provide substitute and additional provisions therefor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF MCPHERSON, KANSAS:

Section 1. Exemption. The City, by virtue of the powers vested in it by the Act, hereby elects to exempt itself from and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. 14-570 and K.S.A. 14-571, and shall be governed by the following substitute and additional provisions contained herein.

Section 2. Master Plan for Public Improvements. Whenever the City Administrator, the chief financial officer of the City, or such other person designated by the City Administrator, has filed with the Governing Body a master capital improvements plan (the “Plan”) for the physical development of the City within the boundaries of the City, including public improvements, the acquisition of land necessary therefore, the acquisition of equipment, vehicles or other personal property to be used in relation thereto, and may provide for assumption and payment of benefit district indebtedness heretofore created for public improvements, and which Plan may require a number of years to execute, and such Plan is approved by the Governing Body, the City is hereby authorized to issue its general obligation bonds (the “Bonds”) in an amount sufficient to carry out such Plan and associated costs.

Section 3. Procedure for Issuance of Bonds. Before any Bonds are authorized or issued pursuant to this Charter Ordinance, the City will adopt a resolution specifying the amount of such Bonds and the purpose of the issuance thereof. The resolution will be effective upon adoption and the City may proceed to issue the Bonds.

At the sole discretion of the Governing Body, such resolution may contain an additional provision that the issuance of the Bonds be subject to one of the following requirements: (a) publication of the resolution one time in the official City newspaper; (b) publication of the resolution one time in the official City newspaper, and if within 30 days after the date of publication of the resolution, a petition in opposition to the issuance of the Bonds, signed by not less than 10% of the qualified electors of the City, is filed with the City Clerk, the City shall not have the authority to issue the Bonds until such question is submitted to the electors of the City at a special election called for that purpose or at the next general election and approved by a majority of the electors of the City voting at such election, *provided that* if no sufficient written protest is filed, the City may proceed to issue the Bonds; or (c) approval by a majority of the electors of the City voting on such question at a special election called for that purpose or at the next general election. Any election required by this section shall be conducted in the manner set forth in K.S.A. 10-120 by the election officer of the county in which the City is located.

Section 4. Severability. If any provision or section of this Charter Ordinance is deemed or ruled unconstitutional or otherwise illegal or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Charter Ordinance. In such instance, this Charter Ordinance shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had not been contained herein.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Charter Ordinance shall be published once a week for two consecutive weeks in the official City newspaper, and shall take effect sixty (60) days after final publication, unless a petition signed by a number of electors of the City equal to not less than ten percent (10%) of the number of electors who voted at the last preceding regular City election shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk demanding that this Charter Ordinance be submitted to a vote of the electors, in which event this Charter Ordinance shall take effect when approved by a majority of the electors voting at an election held for such purpose.

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PASSED with at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the entire Governing Body of the City of McPherson, Kansas, on March 30, 2020 and SIGNED by the Mayor.



Samra K. Seely
Clerk

Thomas G. Brown

Mayor

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