

BILL NO. _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 6858 THAT ESTABLISHED THE INDEPENDENCE FIFA WORLD CUP ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

WHEREAS, Kansas City has officially been selected as a host city for the 2026 FIFA World Cup and is the only host city in the Midwest; and,

WHEREAS, the FIFA World Cup will be the biggest single sport event in history; and,

WHEREAS, the FIFA World Cup 2026, which will feature a record 80 matches, will be the first hosted by three countries and the first with 48 participating nations; and,

WHEREAS, the host cities can expect up to \$620 million in incremental economic activity as a result of World Cup matches according to a study; and,

WHEREAS, the event will attract national and international visitors to our region; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Independence should take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity of millions of visitors, promote tourism, and share our rich history; and,

WHEREAS, this will take a focused, intentional and collaborative effort to put our best foot forward; and,

WHEREAS, it is never too soon to get started on preparations for these events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: The City Council approves the formation of the Independence FIFA World Cup Commission that shall include the following:

- a) Institutional representatives from: 1) The City of Independence; 2) The Independence Chamber of Commerce; 3) The Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum and 4) the Independence hospitality industry.
- b) Two members of the City Council selected by majority vote of the Council.
- c) 14 individuals who are interested in serving on the Commission and possess a breadth and depth of insight that will aid the Commission in its work.
 - a. The Mayor and each member of the City Council shall each nominate two individuals. Said individuals need not be a resident of Independence to serve on the committee.
- d) A representative of youth sports leagues, particularly those involved in soccer.

SECTION 2: The Commission shall have 21 members and shall select a chair and/or co-chairs for the Commission from among their membership.

SECTION 3. The City Council shall approve all appointments.

SECTION 4: The Commission shall:

- a) Meet regularly, but no less than quarterly, at announced times and place so the public can participate.
- b) Work closely with regional groups involved particularly KC2026 Leadership Team.
- c) Share regularly with the City Council and the community plans, recommendations and needs the city should address.
- d) Develop a plan that would allow the Independence community the opportunity to take full advantage of this extraordinary event.

- e) Consider potential funding needs including the opportunities for public/private partnerships to promote tourism and address community infrastructure including state and federal funding opportunities.
- f) Promote the 2026 FIFA World Cup within the community including opportunities for volunteering.
- g) Any other activities which the Commission might consider appropriate in furtherance of its efforts.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI.

Presiding Officer of the City Council
of the City of Independence, Missouri

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

City Counselor

REVIEWED BY:

City Manager