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CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 20

A CHARTER ORDINANCE EXEMPTING THE CITY OF AUGUSTA, 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 SAID 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 Augusta, 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 AUGUSTA, 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. Plan for Public Improvements. Whenever the Governing Body has approved a capital improvements plan (the “Plan”) for the physical development of the City within the boundaries of the City, including public improvements and 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 shall adopt a resolution specifying the amount of such Bonds and the purpose of the issuance thereof. Except for Bonds issued to finance a public works facility and building, no Bonds may be issued under the provisions of this section if, within 30 days of the adoption of

a resolution authorizing the issuance of such Bonds, a petition in opposition to such issuance, signed by not less than two percent (2%) of the qualified electors of the City, is filed with the governing body of the City. If such petition is filed within the prescribed time, Bonds may be issued only if a majority of the qualified electors approve the same at the next primary or general election, or at a special election called and held for such purpose.

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 Augusta, Kansas, on August 7, 2023 and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor.

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ATTEST:


Clerk




Mayor

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