

12-6a29. Same; creation of district for financing projects; petition of owners of 55% of land area within proposed district; financing by community improvement district sales tax; contents of petition; public hearing; establishment of district. (a) In addition to any other power provided by law and as a complete alternative to all other methods provided by law, the governing body of any municipality may create a district as provided by this act for the purpose of financing projects. As an alternative to the requirements and procedures described in K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-6a28, and amendments thereto, under this section, a municipality may create a district, or may modify a district previously created under this section, upon receipt of a petition that is signed by the owners of more than 55% of the land area within the proposed district, and signed by owners collectively owning more than 55% by assessed value of the land area within the proposed district. Under this section, the petition may be seeking financing in whole or in part by a proposed community improvement district sales tax authorized by K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-6a31, and amendments thereto, or seeking the issuance of full faith and credit bonds authorized by K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 12-6a36, and amendments thereto, or both. The petition shall contain:

- (1) The general nature of the proposed project;
- (2) the estimated cost of the project;
- (3) the proposed method of financing the project including, if applicable, the issuance of full faith and credit bonds;
- (4) the proposed amount and method of assessment, if any;
- (5) the proposed amount of community improvement district sales tax, if any;
- (6) a map of the proposed district; and
- (7) a legal description of the proposed district.

(b) Names may not be withdrawn from the petitions by the signers thereof after the governing body commences consideration of the petitions or later than seven days after the filing of such petition with the clerk of the municipality, whichever occurs first. The petition shall contain a notice that: (1) The names of the signers may not be withdrawn after such a period of time; and (2) if applicable, the signers consent to any assessments to the extent described therein without regard to benefits conferred by the project.

(c) Upon filing of the petition pursuant to this section, the municipality shall adopt a resolution to give notice of a public hearing on the advisability of creating or modifying the district. Such resolution shall be published at least once each week for two consecutive weeks in the newspaper and shall be sent by certified mail to all owners. The second publication of such resolution shall occur at least seven days prior to the date of hearing and the certified mailed notice shall be sent at least ten days prior to the date of hearing. Such resolution shall contain the following information:

- (1) The time and place of the hearing;
- (2) the general nature of the proposed project;
- (3) the estimated cost of the project;
- (4) the proposed method of financing the project including, if applicable, the issuance of full faith and credit bonds;
- (5) the proposed amount of the community improvement district sales tax, if any;
- (6) the proposed amount and method of assessment, if any;
- (7) a map of the proposed district; and
- (8) a legal description of the proposed district.

(d) The hearing on the advisability of creating or modifying the district may be adjourned from time to time. Following the hearing or any continuation thereof, the governing body by majority vote may create the district by adoption of an ordinance or resolution. Such ordinance or resolution shall authorize the project, approve the estimated cost of the project, contain the legal description of the district, contain a map of the district, levy the community improvement district sales tax, if applicable, approve the maximum amount and method of assessment, if applicable, and approve the method of financing including, if applicable, the issuance of full faith and credit bonds. Such ordinance or resolution shall become effective upon publication once in the newspaper.

(e) The district boundaries and the method of financing for the project shall not require that all property that is benefited by the project, whether the benefited property is within or without the district, be included in the district or be subject to an assessment or the community improvement district sales tax.

(f) Following authorization of the project, the ordinance or resolution establishing the district shall be submitted for recording in the office of the register of deeds of the county in which the district is located.

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