



City of Topeka
Governing Body Action Form
City Council Chambers
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Topeka, Kansas 66603
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August 11, 2026

DATE:	August 11, 2026	
CONTACT PERSON:	Nick Jefferson, City Attorney	DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT:	Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	PROJECT #:
CIP PROJECT:	No	
ACTION OF COUNCIL:	Withdrawn 07-21-26 deferred to 08-11-26.	JOURNAL #:
		PAGE #:

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

RESOLUTION introduced by City Manager Dr. Robert. M. Perez requesting consent from the Governing Body to intervene to protect its interests in a lawsuit. *(Withdrawn from the July 21, 2026 meeting agenda.)*

Voting Requirement: Action requires at least six (6) votes of the Governing Body.

(Approval will allow the City of Topeka to intervene in Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation v. Stephen Durrell.)

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POLICY ISSUE:

Whether to authorize the City to intervene in a legal matter in order to protect the City's interests

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Body approve the resolution.

BACKGROUND:

Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has filed a lawsuit against the Executive Director of the Kansas Lottery. Count I of the suit asks the Court for a declaration expanding the boundaries of the Reservation to boundaries alleged to be from an 1846 Treaty. This would expand the Reservation's boundaries inside City limits. The City needs to intervene to protect its interests in maintaining its current boundaries.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

Special Liability

ATTACHMENTS:

[Resolution - Prairie Band Lawsuit](#)