



City of Topeka
Governing Body Action Form
City Council Chambers
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DATE:	August 11, 2026	
CONTACT PERSON:	Nick Jefferson, City Attorney	DOCUMENT #:
SECOND PARTY/SUBJECT:	Adoption of 2026 Uniform Public Offense Code	PROJECT #:
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DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION:

DISCUSSION with POSSIBLE ACTION of an ORDINANCE introduced by City Manager Dr. Robert M. Perez, adopting the 2026 edition of the Uniform Public Offense Code, amending Section 9.05.080 of the Topeka Municipal Code and repealing original section.

Voting Requirement: Action requires five (5) votes of the City Council. The mayor does not vote. The proposed ordinance involves a matter of home rule on which the mayor has veto authority.

(Approval will adopt the most current version of the UPOC with current statutory changes.)

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POLICY ISSUE:

Whether to adopt the 42nd Edition UPOC (2026) which incorporates the most recent statutory changes

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Governing Body move to adopt the ordinance.

BACKGROUND:

The League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) prepares and publishes the Uniform Public Offense Code on an annual basis in July following the legislative session. This book is a codification of all relevant statutory changes and the City now practices adopting these changes as soon as possible after publication in order to stay consistent with the law. This is also necessary for the Topeka Police Department's Records Division reporting system. The system used for crime statistics to the FBI will not function properly unless the most current versions of the statutes are adopted and used.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

Cost of publications

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund

ATTACHMENTS:

[Cover Memo 2026 UPOC - K. Trussell](#)
[Ordinance 2026 UPOC](#)