**EMC Recommendations, 2019 Forward**

**May 2019**

Environmental Management Commission (EMC) annual recommendations to the

City Council regarding environmental priorities, opportunities, and challenges for

inclusion in the city’s five-year planning cycle.

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**Environmental Management Commission**

Environmental Management Commission (EMC) is governed by Code of Ordinances, Chapter 2, Article VI, Division 10, entitled “Environmental Management Commission.” Section 2-951 through Section 2-954. The EMC’s was initially known as The Environmental and Waste Minimization Commission and was created in response to a 1996 consent decree issued by the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri, in Case CV96-3797 regarding illegal handling of hazardous waste. The commission’s early work focused primarily on solid waste issues.

The duties of the Commission include

Offering policy recommendations to the City Council, city staff and all other boards and commissions of the City concerning the issues of environmental planning, management and compliance.

Providing liaison to and maintaining relationships with other city and regional policy bodies to advocate for timely inclusion of environmental considerations in all city policies and programs.

Monitoring office of environmental quality reports regarding the city's compliance with state and federal environmental laws and regulations, and locally adopted ordinances, plans and resolutions.

The commission shall make an annual report of its activities to the city council in the first month of the city’s fiscal year. The report shall include recommendations regarding environmental priorities, opportunities, and challenges for inclusion in the city’s five-year planning cycle.

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Environmental Management Commission Liaison Activities, examples

Historical: Light Rail 2001, Steering Committee

 Kansas City Development Code, Steering Committee

 Kansas City Wet Weather Community Panel

 Water Cost of Service Task Force

 Vacant Lot Task Force

Ongoing: Kansas City Climate Protection Plan, Steering Committee

 MARC Solid Waste Management District

MARC Air Quality Forum

 MARC Transportation Plan 2050, Steering Committee

 LEED Standards Committee

 Education

Housing Policy Task Force

Tree Champions

Volker Energy Hub