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WHEREAS, the Board of Police Commissioners of Kansas City, Missouri (Board) and the Kansas City, Missouri Police Department (Department) are vitally interested in providing the citizens and visitors of Kansas City, Missouri with the highest quality of police service and protection, and

WHEREAS, a full contingency of police personnel is required to provide this service and protection, and

WHEREAS, reserve police officers can assist in this goal of the Board and the Department, and

WHEREAS, Section 86.433 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri provides that a member of the Department with thirty (30) years of creditable service shall retire, and

WHEREAS, Board Resolution 56-1, duly enacted by the Board on March 22, 1956, declared that it was the policy of the Department that effective May 1, 1956, members with thirty (30) years of creditable service shall be retired, and

WHEREAS, the Board believes it is important that this mandatory retirement policy of the Board be retained in order to ensure promotion through the ranks and to ensure that the opportunity exists for the infusion of fresh and innovative ideas into the ranks of the Department, and

WHEREAS, Section 84.540 of the Revised Statutes of Missouri authorizes the Chief of Police to organize a reserve police force, and,

WHEREAS, the Department has successfully organized and administered a reserve officer program for many years and the Board desires to increase the number of reserve officers in order to enhance the quality of police service, and

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WHEREAS, the Department is losing the services of many trained and talented police officers because of the mandatory retirement policy and the Board desires to retain those individuals as reserve police officers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board that the Department is directed to modify the mandatory retirement policy and allow full-time sworn police officers to remain with the Department as reserve officers after their retirement from the Department regardless of their years of service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall not reverse Resolution 56-1 that requires the retirement of full-time sworn police officers after thirty (30) years of creditable service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department is directed to prepare a policy consistent with this Resolution that shall provide the terms and conditions under which sworn personnel may become reserve police officers, and that shall be presented to the Board for review and approval.

DATED THIS 28th day of August, 2001.

_____ Dennis C. Eckold President	_____ Karl Zobrist Member
_____ Dr. Stacey Daniels-Young Treasurer	_____ Mayor Kay Barnes Member