Model Ordinance Policy Brief

KANSAS CITY REGIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND HOUSING CAPACITY

Building Infrastructure That Supports Housing and Economic Growth

The Challenge:

Adequate infrastructure is essential to housing production, economic development, and long-term community growth. Aging systems, increasing service demands, and capacity constraints can create barriers to new housing, redevelopment, and neighborhood investment while placing pressure on local budgets and utility systems.



Prioritize Housing-Supportive Infrastructure by recognizing water, wastewater, stormwater, transportation, electrical, broadband, and fiber infrastructure as critical components of housing development.



Promote Fair Cost Allocation by encouraging policies that require large infrastructure users to bear a fair share of costs while protecting residential and small-business ratepayers.



Support Long-Term Capacity and Reliability by addressing deferred maintenance, expanding system capacity, and reducing infrastructure barriers to housing and economic growth.

Policy Considerations:

Infrastructure investment plays a significant role in determining where and how communities grow. Policies that expand infrastructure capacity, improve service reliability, and remove development constraints can help support housing production, economic competitiveness, and long-term community prosperity.

The resolution emphasizes strategic investment, regional collaboration, and responsible financing while recognizing the connection between infrastructure capacity and housing opportunity. By incorporating housing considerations into infrastructure planning, communities can better prepare for future growth and support sustainable development objectives.