COMMUNITY PROFILE

While many cities are known for their expanding skylines, action-packed nightlife, and bustling communities, Kansas City, Kansas has all of that incorporated into a small, diverse, and family oriented community. It has some of the big city amenities with a small-town down-home appeal.

Kansas City, Kansas is the third largest city in the state of Kansas and is the county seat of Wyandotte County. The City and County have seen tremendous growth in economic development over the past 20 years and the success continues to breed even more success for our community.

Wyandotte County citizens set the stage for today’s economic development successes in 1997 when they overwhelmingly agreed to consolidate the county government and City of Kansas City, Kansas government. The community was suffering from years of economic hardships and decline. Citizens were ready for a rebirth. The new form of government was the beginning of the landmark renaissance in the community.

The fresh political dynamic created by consolidation allowed the community to take new, bold approaches to many issues, including economic development. Soon after the Unified Government was launched, the economic development opportunity of a lifetime landed in Wyandotte County. The Kansas Speedway and Village West developments are the most successful economic developments ever built in the State of Kansas, turning mostly undeveloped land into one of the most popular tourist, shopping, and entertainment attractions in the Midwest.

Village West has over a hundred businesses and restaurants that employ nearly 6,000 people. They generated over $600 million in retail sales producing over $40 million in local and state sales tax collections. The current real and personal property taxes levied on Village West are just over $11 million. Before the development was built, that same land area produced only $209,000 in annual property taxes.

Great Wolf Lodge, an indoor waterpark resort, was the first hotel. Other Village West hotels soon followed, including Hampton Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Country Inn, and Chateau Avalon. Chateau Avalon is a unique hotel where every room is decorated in a different destination theme. It has been acknowledged by Expedia.com as among the top one percent of hotels worldwide. Other grand developments include an 18,000 seat multipurpose soccer stadium for Sporting KC, Kansas City’s Major League Soccer team, the office expansion of Cerner Corporation, and internal headquarters of Dairy Farmers of America and Hollywood Casino.
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The synergy generated by the Kansas Speedway and Village West is also creating new destination tourism attractions. Compass Minerals National Performance Center, a new state of the art soccer training facility, opened nearby in 2018. This facility houses the coaching team for US Soccer who train and certify hundreds of soccer coaches from around the nation at this location. Our US national men’s, women’s and youth teams train at this location throughout the year and this is also the official training location for Sporting KC.

From 2016-2020, Wyandotte Economic Development Council has reported 194 announced successes, $3.1 billion invested, 10,114 retained/new jobs county-wide.

Wyandotte County continues to see a lot of investment from the private sector as development continues across the entire community. A new downtown grocery store opened in 2020 marking new food opportunities to underserved areas, industrial and distribution projects moved forward in the midtown area where a million square feet opened or began construction in the last year; a former site of a horse and dog race track is being converted to house Amazon and more distribution; and Urban Outfitters selected Kansas City, Kansas to be their Midwest office and distribution headquarters. Additionally, tourism continues to grow as Homefield announced a new sports training and interaction development for both youth and adults and our minor league baseball team found a new owner who has partnered with the Negro Leagues baseball and renamed our local team the KC Monarchs honoring the club who played in Kansas City over 50 years ago.

Community highlights include high rankings for job creation, known as a business-friendly city and a resident demographic that does not have an ethnic majority. Amazon, Sara Lee Corp, General Motors, and Kellogg’s are just a few of the nation’s leading and innovative companies that have chosen Kansas City, Kansas and Wyandotte County as their home.

Wyandotte County has four school districts that provide services to public and private students. The Kansas City, Kansas Schools is the largest school district and consists of 49 schools. In 2012, KCK was named one of America’s Promise Alliance’s 100 Best Communities for Young People presented by ING.

Regardless of your interests – history, concerts, family fun, or dozens of other activities – Kansas City, Kansas provides access to a huge variety of fun and fascinating attractions. For more information about Kansas City, Kansas, visit the Kansas City, Kansas Chamber of Commerce or the KCK Convention & Visitors Bureau websites.
Executive level position reporting directly to the County Administrator, providing highly complex and responsible support to the Administrator and decision making to reporting departments. Position will work in close cooperation and coordination with three other Assistant County Administrators. Responsibilities include directing and coordinating the work of departments and programs who report to this Assistant. Non-elected department heads currently report to the Administrator or one of the existing Assistant County Administrators. Additionally, there are several County Departments that are directed by an elected or appointed official which require direct attention and assistance with their operations. Assistant County Administrators will work directly on special projects which may or may not be included within the scope of reporting departments. Community and professional involvement are an expectation.

While the County Administrator is the one employee directly hired by the Mayor & Commission, Assistant County Administrators will interact often with members of the governing body. They will be responsible for representing Administration at Commission Standing Committee meetings, which is a working meeting of half the members of the governing body. Assistants will prepare and present various topics and issues in public meetings along with leading departments through the development and presentation of topics they are working.

VISION STATEMENT:
Uniquely Wyandotte
A vibrant intersection of diversity, opportunity, and distinctive neighborhoods. An engaged community: healthy, fulfilled, and inspired.
EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE

Bachelor’s Degree in Public/Business Administration or a related degree and 10 years progressively responsible management experience or an equivalent combination of education and experience; Master’s in Public Administration preferred. Demonstrate municipal management and fiscal management experience; strong inter-personal and communication skills; history of visionary leadership; proven decision-making and planning skills. Experience leading organizational change and efficiencies, process improvement, and strategic planning a plus.

COMPENSATION & BENEFITS

The Unified Government offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience ($6,556.30-$14,763.85/mo. DOQ). The Unified Government participates in the Kansas Public Employees Retirement System and offers a comprehensive benefits package. Visit www.wycokck.org/benefits for more information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please submit applications/resumes to:

Unified Government Human Resources Department
701 North 7th Street, Rm. 646
Kansas City, KS 66101
Email: jobs@wycokck.org

Application/resume deadline: Open Until Filled (First review May 6, 2022)
For more information, please visit our website at www.wycokck.org

The Unified Government of Wyandotte County/ Kansas City, Kansas is an equal opportunity employer.

OUR KEY ELEMENTS

- Reduce Blight
- Increase Economic Prosperity of the Community and Opportunity for our Residents
- Increase Safety and Perception of Safety
- Improve Community Health
- Improve Customer Service and Communication
- Increase Community Cohesion
- Improve Infrastructure