

73-446. Disposal of memorial building and land or diversion of use of building, when; publication of resolution; petition for election; disposition of moneys. Any city which has a memorial building constructed under the authority of article 4 of chapter 73 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated may:

(1) Dispose of the building and the land upon which situated, or any part of such land, or

(2) If no bonds issued therefor are outstanding, may divert the use of said building to a city hall or building for the accommodation of its officers and employees and the transaction of the general business of the city and for such purposes may make such alterations, repairs or changes as may be necessary, in the following manner: The city council or commission shall adopt a resolution setting forth that in its judgment the building is improperly designed to be of use to the community, or that the community no longer needs the building because of conditions to be set forth in the resolution, or that the building is used so little that the cost of maintenance and operation is excessive, and that the city has an opportunity to sell said building and the land on which situated or a part of such land, for cash at a price to be stated, and that the city will sell such building and the land or a part of the land, according to the terms of the proposition, after a certain date to be stated in said resolution, unless within twenty (20) days after the publication of the resolution a petition addressed to the governing body and signed by not less than fifty-one percent (51%) of the number of qualified electors as shown by the registration books on the day of the publication of the resolution, or in case of a city having no registration, then according to an estimate of the number of qualified electors on the day of publication of the resolution as prepared and certified to by the city clerk, shall be filed with the city clerk requesting that the matter be voted upon at a special election, or at the next regular city election if such election will fall within ninety (90) days after the publication of the resolution.

If no sufficient petition is filed within the required time, or if a sufficient petition is filed and an election is held and a majority of the votes cast are in favor of the proposition, the council or commission may proceed with the disposal of the property or the diversion of the use of the building according to the proposition set out in the resolution. The consideration received for the building and land disposed of under this section shall be applied on the payment of any outstanding bonds issued for the memorial, or, in the event no bonds are outstanding, it shall be transferred to the general fund, or be placed in a special fund for the purchase or construction of another building more appropriate for the use of the city. A special election shall be noticed and held in the same manner and with the same form of ballot as in the case of bond elections under the provisions of K.S.A. 10-120, or any amendments thereto, the first publication of the notice to be in the week following the determination of the sufficiency of the petition and without further action than said determination.

History: L. 1943, ch. 89, § 1; L. 1955, ch. 342, § 1; June 30.