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RESOLUTION NO. 182-2026

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY OF WICHITA 2035 URBAN GROWTH AREAS MAP AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE TO THE WICHITA-SEDGWICK COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SEDGWICK COUNTY, KANSAS

SECTION I. That upon the recommendation from the Wichita-Sedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Commission on September 24, 2026, and after said Planning Commission had given proper notice and held a public hearing as provided by law, and under the authority granted by K.S.A. 12-747 *et.seq*., the Community Investments Plan…a framework for the future, 2015-2035 (the "Comprehensive Plan"), as adopted by reference in Resolution No. 194-2019, is hereby amended as follows:

Case No. DER2026-00013

1. Replace the 2035 Urban Growth Areas Map contained on pg. 23 of the Comprehensive Plan with the revised 2035 Urban Growth Areas Map identified as Attachment "A".

Section II. The above changes to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan are hereby incorporated as a part of the Wichita-Sedgwick County Comprehensive Plan as amended.

Section III. This Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and publication in the official County paper.

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Commissioners present and voting were:

PETER F. MEITZNER	aye
JEFF BLUBAUGH	aye
STEPHANIE WISE	aye
RYAN BATY	aye
JAMES M. HOWELL	aye

Dated this 4 day of November, 2026.

ATTEST:

KELLY B. ARNOLD, County Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
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ATTACHMENT A

2035 Urban Growth Areas Map

(This map is not reflective of the Zoning Areas of Influence in Sedgwick County)

The 2035 Urban Growth Areas Map visually portrays the anticipated growth patterns for the cities of Sedgwick County. Municipal growth patterns that do not exactly match this guide but reflect marketplace demands should be given reasonable consideration, if they do not present extraordinary new public service burdens on the community. It is also important to note that the 2035 urban growth areas depicted are not prescriptive or binding in nature. They serve only as a reasonable indication as to where the future efficient extension of public municipal services and corporate limits could occur by the year 2035.

Small City Urban Growth Areas: Generally located adjacent to existing municipal boundaries, these areas indicate the likely direction and magnitude of growth these communities can expect to experience out to the year 2035. Determination of growth direction and amount is based upon municipal political considerations, anticipated municipal population growth, efficient patterns of municipal growth, current infrastructure limitations, cost effective delivery of future municipal services and environmental factors.

Wichita Urban Growth Area: Areas adjacent to Wichita that are primarily undeveloped but have the potential to be developed by the year 2035, based upon Wichita population growth projections and current market trends. This is the area in which City expansion and extension of municipal services and infrastructure should be focused. Determination of growth direction and amount is based upon municipal political considerations, anticipated population growth, efficient patterns of growth, current infrastructure limitations, cost effective delivery of future municipal services and environmental factors.

Established Central Area: Comprised of the downtown core and the mature neighborhoods surrounding it in a roughly three mile radius, the Established Central Area is the focus area for the Wichita Urban Infill Strategy.

K-96 Special Uses Corridor: Encompasses areas identified in the K-96 Corridor Economic Development Plan that require special land use controls in order to ensure appropriate patterns of commercial redevelopment within the K-96 corridor. The K-96 Corridor Economic Development Plan should be consulted for more specific future land use direction.

Industrial, Improvement, Sedgwick County Park, & McConnell AFB District: Encompasses areas within the Wichita Urban Growth Area where various legal agreements have been established to restrict Wichita city limits expansion and provide for shared delivery of municipal services by the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, and townships.

Rural: This category encompasses land outside the 2035 urban growth areas for Wichita and the small cities. Agricultural uses, rural-based businesses, and larger lot residential exurban subdivisions likely will be developed in this area. Such development should occur in accordance with the Urban Fringe Development Standards for Wichita and Sedgwick County.

Adopted by the Sedgwick County Commission on August 13, 2025 (Resolution No. 217-2025) and Wichita City Council on July 22, 2025 (Ordinance No. 52-764)

