

2023 Kansas Statutes

12-3401. Port authorities; definitions. As used in K.S.A. 12-3402 to 12-3433, inclusive:

- (a) "Port authority" means a port authority or joint port authority created pursuant to K.S.A. 12-3402, and amendments thereto.
- (b) "Submerged lands" means the lands presently underlying the navigable streams of the state of Kansas and the lands underlying the waters of lakes, harbors, and navigation channels which have already been or which shall be created by the impoundment of the waters and the creation of commercial navigation facilities in the navigable streams.
- (c) "Uplands" means lands contiguous to or fronting upon any submerged lands in this state.
- (d) "Publication" means publication once a week on the same day of the week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation in the county or counties wherein such publication is required to be made. Publication shall be complete on the date of the last publication.
- (e) "Created," as related to port authorities, means the activation of such authorities by ordinance or resolution as provided herein.
- (f) "Port" means water-port facility, airport facility, terminal facility, land transportation facility, railroad facility or industrial-use facility.
- (g) "Industrial-use facility" means any agricultural, commercial, industrial or manufacturing facility, including the site therefor, which is a part of or contiguous to another port facility or which a port authority determines will further the purposes of this act and will promote the general welfare and economic development of the area of its jurisdiction.

An agricultural, commercial, industrial or manufacturing facility need not be part of or contiguous to another port facility if the governing body of the city or county creating a port authority also determines that such facility will further the purposes of this act and promote the general welfare and economic development of such city or county. If the port authority was created by two or more cities or counties, such determination also shall be made by the governing body of the city or county in which such facility is located. In determining whether agricultural, commercial, industrial or manufacturing facilities, not part of or adjacent to another port facility, will further the purposes of this act and promote the general welfare and economic development of cities and counties, such port authorities and governing bodies shall consider:

- (1) The desirability and economic feasibility of the proposed facility;
- (2) the technical and economic capability of the port authority or private interests to operate the proposed facility;
- (3) the potential economic impact of the proposed facility on the city or county in which the facility will be located;
- (4) the impact such facility will have on the development of interstate and intrastate traffic which will make use of ports within the state;
- (5) the impact such facility may have on the growth of new ports within the state; and
- (6) the impact such facility may have on any existent comprehensive land-use plan covering the proposed location of the facility.

History: L. 1969, ch. 89, § 1; L. 1980, ch. 70, § 3; L. 1981, ch. 76, § 1; L. 1987, ch. 75, § 1; July 1.