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Written Statement to the Senate Local Government Committee
Regarding House Bill 2166
Presented by Dick Carter
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The City of Overland Park appreciates the opportunity to comment on the progress made over the interim related to HB 2166. We believe the agreement forged by the Kansas Press Association and the League of Municipalities demonstrates a step forward by responding to the way citizens desire to receive their news and notices related to the City of Overland Park.

We view this legislation as being beneficial to the City in the following ways:

- More efficient transparency – by allowing the option to publish a summary ordinance in a newspaper and making the full copy available electronically, citizens can access pertinent information in a more timely and easy to find manner.
- Over 90% of Overland Park residents have access to a computer with Internet access.
- A cost savings to the tax payer – The City has spent on average, just under \$80,000 annually to publish legal notices. By utilizing technology readily available, this change will allow for the City to be able to reallocate some of those dollars in other areas that have had to be reduced.

HB 2166 represents good government – based on recent surveys in the City of Overland Park, the majority of residents prefer to receive information about our local government through the Internet and our dedicated newsletter, rather than traditional print news. The City of Overland Park supports the goal of HB 2166, and requests that the committee to report the bill favorably, as amended, for passage.