2025

CERTIFICATE

To the Clerk of Cherokee, State of Kansas

We, the undersigned, officers of

Columbus

certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;
(2) after the Budget Hearing this budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditures for the various funds for the year 2025; and
(3) the Amounts(s) of 2024 Ad Valorem Tax are within statutory limitations.

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Computation to Determine State Library Grant		7			
Fund	K.S.A.				
General	12-101a	7	3,057,288	958,866	
Debt Service	10-113	8			
Library	12-1220	9	154,683	145,874	
Employee Benefits (15)	12-16, 102	10	600,000	424,403	
Special Liability (10)		10			
Special Highway		11	62,541		
Economic Development (02)		11	100,000		
Refuse Utility (05)		12	363,000		
Water Utility (06)		12	1,138,774		
Sewage Utility (07)		13	562,384		
Pathways Grant (08)		13			
Law Enforcement Trust (09)		14	10,000		
Special Parks (12)		14	2,500		
Tourism & Convention (16)		15	3,000		
Fire Prevention Trust (17)		15	2,000		

2025

Amended
Certificate
For Calendar Year 2025

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Columbus
certify that: (1) the hearing mentioned in the attached publication was held;(2) after the Budget Hearing this Budget was duly approved and adopted as the maximum expenditure for the various funds for the year.

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Fund	**K.S.A.**				
Economic Development		2		100,000	300,000
Water Utility		3		1,138,774	1,500,000
Sewer Utility		4		562,384	750,000
Tourism & Convention		5		3,000	10,000
Totals		xxxxxxxxxx	0	1,804,158	2,560,000
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Attested date:_____

County Clerk

Assisted by:

Address:
300 E. Maple St.
Columbus, KS 66725

Email:

Governing Body

CPA Summary

Columbus 2025

Adopted Budget

Economic Developmen	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1	363,136	363,136
Receipts:		
Ad Valorem Tax		
Delinquent Tax		
Motor Vehicle Tax		
Recreational Vehicle Tax		
16/20M Vehicle Tax		
Fund Revenue	5,000	170,000
Interest on Idle Funds		
Total Receipts	**5,000**	**170,000**
Resources Available:	**368,136**	**533,136**
Expenditures:		
Fund Expenses	100,000	300,000
Total Expenditures	**100,000**	**300,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance December 3	268,136	233,136

CPA Summary

Columbus 2025

Adopted Budget

Water Utility	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1	511,462	511,462
Receipts:		
Ad Valorem Tax		
Delinquent Tax		
Motor Vehicle Tax		
Recreational Vehicle Tax		
16/20M Vehicle Tax		
Fund Revenue	1,164,000	1,164,000
Interest on Idle Funds		
Total Receipts	**1,164,000**	**1,164,000**
Resources Available:	**1,675,462**	**1,675,462**
Expenditures:		
Fund Expenses	1,138,774	1,500,000
Total Expenditures	**1,138,774**	**1,500,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31	536,688	175,462

CPA Summary

Columbus

2025

Adopted Budget

Sewer Utility	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1	398,154	398,154
Receipts:		
Ad Valorem Tax		
Delinquent Tax		
Motor Vehicle Tax		
Recreational Vehicle Tax		
16/20M Vehicle Tax		
Fund Revenue	583,000	583,000
Interest on Idle Funds		
Total Receipts	**583,000**	**583,000**
Resources Available:	**981,154**	**981,154**
Expenditures:		
Fund Expenses	562,384	750,000
Total Expenditures	**562,384**	**750,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31	418,770	231,154

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Columbus 2025

Adopted Budget

Tourism & Convention	2025 Adopted Budget	2025 Proposed Budget
Unencumbered Cash Balance January 1	17,790	17,790
Receipts:		
Ad Valorem Tax		
Delinquent Tax		
Motor Vehicle Tax		
Recreational Vehicle Tax		
16/20M Vehicle Tax		
Fund Revenue	2,500	0
Interest on Idle Funds		
Total Receipts	**2,500**	**0**
Resources Available:	**20,290**	**17,790**
Expenditures:		
Fund Expenses	3,000	10,000
Total Expenditures	**3,000**	**10,000**
Unencumbered Cash Balance December 31	17,290	7,790

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Summary of Amendments

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Water Utility			1,138,774	1,500,000
Sewer Utility			562,384	750,000
Tourism & Convention			3,000	10,000
			0	0
			0	0

Jacob Letner
Official Title: City Administrator

Legal Notice

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			0	0

Jacob Letner
Official Title: City Administrator

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF CHEROKEE, SS:

Larry Hiatt of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposeth and saith, he/she is Legal Representative of the Columbus News-Report

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Larry Hiatt

November 25, 2025

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Notary Public

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