RESOLUTION NO. 16-09

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AN AMENDMENT TO ADD AN APPENDIX TO THE 2008 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH MISSOURI REVISED STATUTES SECTION 89.310 RELATED TO COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES INITIATIVE.

WHEREAS, the City of Gladstone has worked in partnership with the First Suburbs Coalition, KC Communities for All Ages, and the Mid-America Regional Council; and

WHEREAS, the First Suburbs Coalition and KC Communities for All Ages have through the efforts of its membership, developed “A Toolkit for Cities” to help elected officials, planners and community leaders respond to these evolving trends, maintain a high quality of life for all residents and to make their cities communities for all ages; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires the City of Gladstone to be a Community for All Ages; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 4, 2016 to consider the Amendment to add an appendix related to Communities for All Ages into the Comprehensive Plan as described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, copies of the proposed amendment to add an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan are available for review in the City Clerk’s office, Monday thru Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm exclusive of holidays.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GLADSTONE, MISSOURI:

Section 1: The City Council hereby expresses its support of the amendment to add an appendix to the Comprehensive Plan by the incorporation of the Communities for All Ages initiative; Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein.

Section 2. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.


Mayor Bill Garnos

ATTEST:

Ruth E. Bocchino, City Clerk
INTRODUCTION:

The City of Gladstone, Missouri was incorporated in 1952 and is one of many First Suburb communities in the Kansas City, Missouri area. Gladstone for the past 60 years has been doing what a first suburb community was designed to do, which was to provide houses and services for the families raising the generation we now call the Baby Boomers. The boomers are aging and Gladstone’s community leaders as well as the other community leaders have recognized their community’s need to evolve to meet new preferences and needs of all ages. This is especially important as Gladstone strives to create policies and programs that will address the wants and need of the Baby Boomer cohort; it will also prepare the City for the eventual aging of the Millennial Generation.

Gladstone with other communities and stakeholders, in partnership with Mid-America Regional Council (MARC) helped to shape the KC Communities for All Ages initiative. This initiative was sponsored by the Pfizer Foundation in partnership with Grantmakers in Aging and with local funding.

KC COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES – CREATING A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE AND AGE WELL.

VISION STATEMENT:

A Kansas City region of vibrant communities, building on the strengths and serving the needs of individuals of all ages.

MISSION STATEMENT:

KC Communities for All Ages will insure the older adults are valued, understood, respected and involved in creating and sustaining a high quality of life in their communities.

STRATEGIES:

To accomplish the mission, Gladstone will assist KC Communities for All Ages:

- Engage the experience and expertise of older adults and promote them as valuable community resources.
- Convene community members to determine the opportunities and challenges of an older community.
- Facilitate the integration of these opportunities and challenges into all aspects of community life, including design, infrastructure, programs and services, workforce development and community engagement.
- Provide technical assistance to communities within the nine-county metropolitan area to support efforts to create and sustain an age-friendly region.
- Track regional demographic and environmental trends and adapt to them proactively.

GLADSTONE ACTION AGENDA:

1. PROMOTE OLDER ADULTS AS COMMUNITY RESOURCES.
Goal: Create sustainable opportunities for adult volunteerism, with particular attention to older adult volunteers, employment and life-long learning. Increase capacity among stakeholders, such as elected officials, nonprofits, faith communities, civic leaders and others to engage adults in rewarding and fulfilling community service initiatives.

2. PROMOTE COMMUNITIES FOR A LIFETIME (Transportation, Mobility and the Built Environment).

Goal: Promote “Housing for a Lifetime” and encourage a wide range of housing options to meet the needs of residents as they age, allowing them to maintain homes and established relationships. Define housing options that are affordable, accessible to goods and services and available within existing communities.

Goal: Improve mobility options of older adults to reduce their dependence on the automobile and to ensure access to basic services, promote independence and safety.

Goal: Collaborate with regional partners and networks to promote complete street policies and walkable neighborhoods.

3. PROMOTE HEALTHIER LIFESTYLES.

Goal: Collaborate with regional partners and networks to improve the health status of older adults through increased individual participation in healthy lifestyles activities and behaviors, recognizing the process of natural aging.

Goal: Encourage regional health systems to apply an aging lens to organizational and regional plans and assessments.

4. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS ON CAREGIVING.

Goal: Collaborate with regional partners and networks to promote education on caregiving challenges and expand support for informal and family caregivers.

5. INCREASE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES.

Goal: Increase and enhance regional awareness through effective messaging strategies to promote age-friendly communities and the KC Communities for All Ages initiative.

6. KC FIRST SUBURBS/KC COMMUNITIES FOR ALL AGES “A TOOLKIT FOR CITIES”.

Goal: Incorporate into the Comprehensive Plan for Gladstone and its strategies to improve facilities and services for seniors, youth and all ages therein. These strategies include improvements to community design, housing choices, local transportation and the pedestrian environment, community services, programs for healthy living and civic engagement.