



DATE: Tuesday, July 15, 2025
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Attorney
SUBJECT: 2025 Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) Ordinance

Background: Published by the League of Kansas Municipalities since 1980, the Uniform Public Offense Code (UPOC) contains approximately 100 public offenses that can be adjudicated in municipal court. While many of the provisions parallel state law, the UPOC also contains offenses that are frequently enforced only within cities. It is designed to provide a comprehensive public offense ordinance for Kansas cities. The costs are: 1-4 copies are \$10.00 each, 5-10 copies are \$9.50 each, 11-30 copies are \$9.00 each, 31 copies and over are \$8.50 each. An electronic copy is available for a fee of approximately \$13.75 and with a signed licensing agreement. It lasts for 1 year and may be extended for an additional fee. There is also a “website edition” for \$100.00.

Bel Aire currently incorporates the UPOC by reference, for the purpose of regulating public offenses within the corporate limits of the City of Bel Aire, Kansas.

Discussion: The following section was modified in the 41st Edition of the UPOC published in 2025.

Section 6.7.2 Trespassing on a Critical Infrastructure Facility

Senate Bill 172 eliminated the crime of tampering with a pipeline and created four new crimes. One of the new crimes is this section, which defines a Critical Infrastructure Facility (CIF) and makes it unlawful for a person to enter or remain in a CIF, without the owner’s consent.

Financial Considerations: Other than the purchase of UPOC hard copy books and an electronic version, there will be no other costs to the City.

Legal Considerations: The City Attorney has drafted and approved the proposed ordinance. It requires a majority vote for approval.

Recommendation/Actions: It is recommended that City Council approve the proposed ordinance.

Attachments: Proposed ordinance

