

City of Sedgwick  
City Council Meeting  
August 15, 2026

**TO:** Mayor and Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** Ord. 923 - Historical Society Membership

**INITIATED BY:** Administration

**AGENDA:** New Business

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**Background:** On April 14, 2026, the board members of the Sedgwick Community Historical Society voted to recommend to the Sedgwick Governing Body to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 818, to reduce the size of the board from seven (7) members to five (5) members.

**Analysis:** With volunteerism on the decline, the board has experienced struggles trying to keep active membership numbers stable. Therefore, it was agreed to reduce the size of the board to ensure a quorum for meetings while meeting operational requirements.

**Financial Considerations:** None

**Recommendation:** It is recommended that the Governing Body approve the ordinance as presented.

**THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS**

**ORDINANCE NO. 923**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS, AMENDING SECTION 1-801 OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK'S CITY CODE**

**WHEREAS**, on April 14, 2026, the board members of the Sedgwick Community Historical Society voted to recommend to the Sedgwick Governing Body to amend Section 1 of Ordinance No. 818, to reduce the size of the board from seven (7) members to five (5) members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sedgwick Community Historical Society's recommendation was based on difficulties encountered in filling seven board member positions; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 1 of Ordinance No. 818 is codified in the Code of the City of Sedgwick, Kansas, as Section 1-801; and

**WHEREAS**, the current board members of the Sedgwick Community Historical Society will remain members until the completion of their term; and

**WHEREAS**, the board will include a minimum of three citizens and residents of the City and two at-large members selected from either the City or surrounding community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sedgwick, Kansas, wishes to amend Section 1-801 of the Code of the City of Sedgwick, Kansas, modifying the number of board members of the Sedgwick Community Historical Society from seven (7) board members to five (5) board members.

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEDGWICK, KANSAS:**

**SECTION 1:** Section 1-801 of the Code of the City of Sedgwick is hereby amended to read as follows:

**1-801. Creation and establishment of a community historical society.**

There is hereby created and established a Community Historical Society with a managing board for the City of Sedgwick, Kansas, and the surrounding community, which board shall consist of five members, with a minimum of three citizens and residents of this City and the remaining two being at-large members selected from either the City or surrounding community, all of whom shall be appointed by the Mayor with approval of the City Council. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all members of the board at the time of the passage of this ordinance will remain members until the completion of their term.

**SECTION 2:** This ordinance shall take effect and be in force on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026, and after such publication in the official City newspaper.

**ADOPTED** by the Governing body of the City of Sedgwick, Kansas on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2026.

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Bryan Chapman, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Shelia Agee, City Clerk