MISSOURI COURT OF APPEALS
WESTERN DISTRICT

CITY OF KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, Respondent,
v.
CHARLES LAMAR BURGETT, Appellant.

DOCKET NUMBER WD88170

DATE: JULY 28, 2026

Appeal From:

Jackson County Circuit Court
The Honorable Abbie Rothermich, Judge

Appellate Judges:

Division Four: Edward R. Ardini, Jr., Chief Judge, Presiding, Alok Ahuja, Judge, and Cynthia L. Martin, Judge

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MISSOURI APPELLATE COURT OPINION SUMMARY

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Charles Lamar Burgett appeals from the trial court's judgment finding him guilty of failure to maintain financial responsibility of a vehicle in violation of a City of Kansas City, Missouri ordinance.

REVERSED AND REMANDED FOR ENTRY OF A JUDGMENT OF ACQUITTAL.

Division Four holds:

Because the City failed to prove the existence and content of the ordinance prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle without maintaining financial responsibility, the evidence was legally insufficient to support finding Burgett guilty of the offense. The trial court's finding of guilt constituted evident, obvious, and clear error that resulted in a manifest injustice requiring reversal.

Opinion by: Cynthia L. Martin, Judge July 28, 2026

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