June 3, 1850

*This Date in Missouri Senate History*

On *This Date in Missouri Senate History*, the date was June 3, 1850, the day the Town of Kansas was incorporated.

More specifically, this area is known as Westport in what it now Kansas City.

The Missouri Legislature granted first charter to the City of Kansas in 1853.

By 1875, state lawmakers made more changes to its charter.

A city vote in 1889 changed the name, officially, to Kansas City.

The Missouri General Assembly continues to oversee Kansas City’s police department, which is among one of the last such moves in the country. The same held true for St. Louis until 2013.

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(Sources: *Kansas City, Missouri: Its History and Its People 1808-1908*; Missouri Senate Journal)