

Downtown KCMO

Downtown Kansas City, Mo is currently thriving and fun now, but that has not always been the case. Just three mayors ago, Downtown was Gotham City, even in the daytime. It was a dead zone for the city. But Mayor Kay Barnes pushed through a bill for the construction of what is known now as the T-Mobile Amphitheater Center, the Power & Light and she began the revival of the historic 24-Line Streetcar that is now free to the public and extending its second line into Midtown. Mayor Kay Barnes initiative might have cost her re-election, but it was an instant success for Downtown and its neighboring City Market and Crossroads areas. -Goes to show what happens when you put a woman in charge.

The Power & Light is a gathering of stores, restaurants and bars that have a bit of a celebratory feel being adjacent to the Basketball Museum and T-Mobile Amphitheater. There may often be something going on at the Power and Light. They host a variety of festivals, concerts and weekend fun that often pours into the streets. It is highly recommended to park around the area or any where along the streetcar and take it in, as the P&L often blocks the streets down with barricades for pedestrians and it can have congested traffic.

Milwaukee Deli -101 W 9th St, Kansas City, MO 64105

More Than Just a Deli; Renowned for its mouthwatering Reuben and Turkey sandwiches, Milwaukee Deli offers a diverse menu at a mid-range price point. Nestled in a historic 1881 building with elegant crown moldings and exquisite character, this corner deli serves up high-quality salads, sandwiches, and exceptional pizza, including a sought-after gluten-free option-that's actually tasty. Whether you're craving a classic sandwich, a fresh salad, or a delicious slice of pizza, Milwaukee Deli has something to satisfy every palate. This place can have a wait so pre-order, call-in and take out, or be patient as they maintain a small staff for their semi-small establishment.



This exceptional establishment is the recipient of the coveted three-crowns. This establishment represents culinary and hospitality excellence in business character. As the first restaurant in our directory to achieve this honor, it showcases the vibrant and thriving food scene of Kansas City well.***

Homesteader -100 E 7 St, Kansas City, MO 64106

This breakfast/luncheonette is a weekend hotspot, so make a reservation ahead if possible. The menu here is so random but tasty with its shrimp & grits, burgers and chilaquiles, peppered through the benedict's and hashes.

It almost seems someone was a little inebriated when they created the



menu. Either way, it's menu has your savory and sweet covered. Great for people with opposing palates in their company. If your group can't agree on where to go, -go here. Everyone will find something to enjoy. The service is a bit subpar or rather indifferent in comparison to the exciting menu and ambiance but it gets the job done. Excellent for self entertaining groups wanting more non-invasive service.

The Majestic– 931 Broadway Blvd Kansas City, MO 64105

This a Kansas City must visit. It has lively music including jazz with its delicious steak dinners. The menu is is peppered with local businesses from their coffee to their proteins. The building itself is where Tom Pendergast, the famous bootlegger of KC, was known to do his dirty dealings. If you know the secret password or president to get into the upstairs spirits lounge, you'll be greeted with the sultry scent of old sulfur and smoke residue most likely from Pendergasts and his guests himself.

The Savoy at 21C– 219 W. 9th Street Kansas City, Mo 64105

This high ticket relic can be trusted with your midwestern seafood, fowls and your regional proteins. The lunch or dining spot of Harry Truman, with his commemorated booth inside glowing along with the restaurant in a sharp red and brooding decor.

John's Big Deck– 928 Wyandotte St, Kansas City, MO 64105

This dive is a Kansas City tradition. You're not a local if you have not made your way into John's Big Deck late into the evening and high up onto their rooftop!