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City of Lawrence
Neighborhood Resources
Victor Torres
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Dear Victor:

The Lawrence Home Builders Association supports the establishment of Contractor Licensing regulations in the City of Lawrence. After several months of consideration and discussion, the Board of Directors has determined that it is in the best interest of our membership and the community to develop Contractor Licensing. We respectfully request the cooperation of your professional staff to work with representatives of our Association to create regulations that are beneficial to both our industry and our community.

Contractor Licensing regulations can vary significantly depending on the priorities. It is our intent to include the following elements in the regulations:

- an educational component;
- a "grandfather" clause for active builders who can demonstrate experience/education;
- a requirement for proof of worker's compensation and general liability insurance; and
- a fee structure that includes only those costs associated with administering the program and providing educational credits.

We look forward to working with you to increase the knowledge and professionalism in our industry.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Flory
Executive Director

Board Update

The following is a brief summary of the October LHBA Board of Directors meeting.

The October meeting of the LHBA was held at 9:00 a.m., October 2nd, at Landplan Engineering. Attending the meeting were Board Vice President Dee Perry and Directors George Grieb, Frank Male, Lee Queen, Heath Seitz, and Dale Smith. Also present was Executive Director Bobbie Flory.

Committee Reports

LHBA/Building Officials meeting – Lawrence building officials were told of the board's decision to not support framers as part of the contractor licensing regulations at this time. The board wanted to initiate licensing for only building contractors. The LHBA presented with a letter opposing \$25 administrative fee increase for master street trees. That fee was determined to be excessive. The LHBA also met with Douglas County building official, Keith Dabney. Dabney explained that same-day footing/foundation inspections would no longer be guaranteed due to staff reduction. The LHBA will work with Dabney and county officials to reestablish the timing aspect of those inspections.

Fall Showcase of Homes – Lawrence, Baldwin, and Eudora all had great turnout during the two weekends despite major sporting events in the area.



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