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September 16, 2004

Toni Wheeler  
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RE: Report on 966 Jana Drive

Dear Ms. Wheeler:

On September 10, 2004, I conducted a joint inspection with Barry Walthall, Codes Enforcement Manager, at 966 Jana Drive, Lawrence, Kansas. 966 Jana Drive is a property located within a multi-housing complex. The purpose of the inspection was in response to neighbor complaints regarding possible health nuisances associated with the condition of this property. The property has obviously been vacated for quite some time. The purpose of this letter is to state the findings of my inspection:

1. The inside of the property was in deplorable condition. There were piles of rubbish strewn about everywhere. It was difficult to walk through the house without tripping over the rubbish.
2. There was evidence of decomposing food within the house which was creating significant odor problems and attracting insects and flies.

Because of the availability of a food source, it is apparent that disease-causing vectors (such as rodents, insects, etc.) have the potential to be attracted to the inside of the house and could therefore affect the neighbors living within the same building.

Therefore, it is the opinion of the Health Department that 966 Jana Drive is a nuisance and has the potential to be dangerous to the health of the inhabitants of the dwelling units located in the same building, and surrounding properties. Abatement procedures should be processed as provided for in the Code of the City of Lawrence 9-204 as soon as legally possible. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Sincerely,



Richard L. Ziesenis  
Director of Environmental Health

cc: W. Kay Kent, Director