

The University of Kansas
STUDENT SENATE
RESOLUTION No. 2006 – 301

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Submitted by University of Kansas Student Senate

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSITION OF A CITY ORDINANCE
BANNING MARIJUANA AND PARAPHERNALIA POSSESSION

1 WHEREAS, the City of Lawrence currently has no ban on the possession of marijuana and drug
2 paraphernalia, requiring that all cases arising with Lawrence City limits are
3 directed to District Court, and

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5 WHEREAS, the creation of this ordinance by the Lawrence City Commission would allow
6 these cases to be prosecuted in municipal courts, and

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8 WHEREAS, in the 1998 Higher Education Act, section 484(r) denies or delays by a minimum
9 of one year students with drug convictions from receiving federal financial aid;
10 however, this only applies to convictions under state or federal as opposed to
11 municipal law, and

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13 WHEREAS, both the cities of Topeka and Wichita prosecute these cases at the city level, and

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15 WHEREAS, the denial and/or delay of financial aid after being convicted of possession of
16 marijuana and drug paraphernalia is a severe detriment to the ability of students to
17 rebuild their lives and become productive members of society, and

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19 WHEREAS, denial of one year's worth of financial aid can result in a student's inability to
20 continue their education and disrupt an entire lifetime career plan.

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22 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the University of Kansas Student Senate here assembled
23 that we support action by the Lawrence City Commission to move jurisdiction over first time
24 marijuana and paraphernalia possession cases to Lawrence municipal court with the proposition
25 of a city ordinance on Marijuana and Paraphernalia Possession. We support this specifically
26 because it will prevent students from losing financial aid for first-time marijuana and
27 paraphernalia offences.

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Student Senate takes no official stance on efforts to
30 "decriminalize" marijuana possession or otherwise reduce penalties below current levels.

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32 Upon approval of this resolution, copies will be sent to the following:

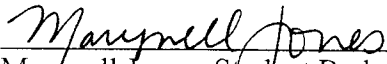
33 Lawrence City Commission

34 Douglas County District Attorney's Office

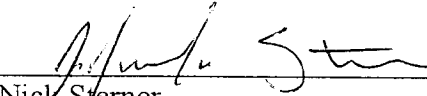
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Veto: Yes No