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To: City of Lawrence, Kansas City Council

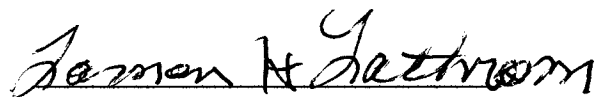
I am proposing as the owner of 524 N 7th also Lots three, four, five, six, seven and eight, The sale of said property to The city of Lawrence, Kansas

- 1: The land is adjacent to the south side of Lyons park
- 2: The property is zoned commercial.
- 3: The property flooded in 1993.
- 4: The city capped the original concrete street with asphalt making the street higher than the floor of the house
- 5: The city allowed fill of the adjacent lots to the east thus eliminating the low level sand drain of excess water.
- 6: The city ordered the removal of dirt I brought in to fill my back lots.
- 7: I am in fear of flooding each time a heavy or lasting rain is forecast.
- 8: The building up of properties in the area has made mine the lowest property in the area.
- 9: I believe that the fill of land around mine has made my property unusable privately
- 10: I feel that without the flooding caused by the fill-in of lands adjacent, my property would have a value between \$168,000 to \$180,000.
- 11: The projects including the capping of N 7th were permitted without any regards by the City of Lawrence and its planning department to the value of or use of my property.

- 12: I would also request an additional \$20,000 for the cost of relocating my family
- 13: I have replaced the flooring and lower half sheetrock in my home twice since 1993.
- 14: The fear of flooding and mold caused by dampness have had an adverse effect on mine and my wife's health and well-being.
- 15: The property is zoned commercial.
- 16: Taxes on said property have steadily increased each and every year.
- 17: Property lines against N.7th St. on the 700 block of Lincoln St. are questionable and confusing .
- 18: I am a 75 year old handicapped individual on a limited income.
- 19: The advantages to the city purchase of this property would be limitless, including Additional green space or a north Lawrence city shop.

I respectfully submit this proposal requesting a response in a timely manner.

Loman H Lathrom

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Loman H Lathrom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

524 N 7th street
Lawrence, Ks 66044