

Memorandum

City of Lawrence

Planning & Development Services

TO: David L. Corliss, City Manager

FROM: Scott McCullough, Director

Date: June 11, 2013

RE: Environs – State Law Review

This memo is an addendum to the June 4, 2013 staff memo related to changes in the state law review of properties within the environs of a registered property. The memo responds to the question by Mayor Dever of what percent of development projects are expected to be affected by the new law, i.e. based on recent processing records, how many projects would have not received a review if the new law were in effect.

The June 4th memo notes that the change in the number of properties that will be affected, i.e. not required to be reviewed as of July 1, 2013, will drop from 3,265 to 1,505, a 46% reduction in the number of properties eligible for review upon development.

Staff reviewed the 2012 applications and found that 40 of the 175 applications would have not been reviewed under the new law if it were in effect during that time. This is approximately **23%** of total projects submitted for review in 2012. The remaining properties were either in a district, registered individually, or reviewed under an Urban Conservation Overlay District.

It should be noted that the number of registered properties in the National, State and Local registers are not static. Additional properties can be added by application of the property owner and acceptance by the appropriate governing agency (National Park Service, Historic Sites Board of Review, City Commission). At this time, 15 Lawrence Landmark applications are in process and will be presented to the City Commission for approval in the coming weeks/months.