



## ***Neighborhood Update for LAN*** *January 2009*

### **Item #1: Proposed Rental Registration Program**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Public invited to comment on proposed expansion of the rental licensing and inspection ordinance**

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(Lawrence, KS) – The Planning and Development Services Department will be presenting a proposal in February to the City Commission to expand the rental licensing/inspection program to all rental units within the community which are 50 years old or older. Property owners, property managers, neighborhood associations, realtors, tenants and the general public will have opportunities to meet with staff to review the proposal and to make comments. The first opportunities to speak with staff about the expanded program will be Monday, Jan. 12 and Tuesday, Jan. 13. The meeting format will be individual conferences. To schedule a meeting time please call (785) 832-3111. Additionally, a public input meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 15 and will include a presentation of the rental licensing/inspection program. Questions and comments will follow the presentation. This meeting will be held at City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 6 E. 6th St. Individuals unable to schedule a conference or attend the input meeting may provide an online comment at [www.lawrenceks.org/pds](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds). The deadline for providing comments is January 19, 2009. For additional information, contact Brian Jimenez, Code Enforcement Manager, [bjimenez@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:bjimenez@ci.lawrence.ks.us), (785) 832-3111.

Additional information on the proposed changes and a link for public comment via email can be found [here](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/Rental). ([www.lawrenceks.org/pds/Rental](http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/Rental) )

### **Item #2: Status of Homelessness Text Amendment**

On 10/14/2008 the Lawrence City Commission approved a text amendment related to homeless facilities that more comprehensively addressed their location and use standards. Adoption of the new regulations requires approval of two readings of the adopting ordinance. After the commission's initial approval, the city received a challenge to the legality of the language. The city's legal department is reviewing the language and the adoption of the amendment has been placed on hold until this review is accomplished. Please stay tuned for future information on this item.

### Item #3: Sales Tax Audit Committee

You can view the ordinance [here](http://www.lawrenceks.org). ([www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org) Search "8349")

On 12/2/2008 City Commissioners adopted on first reading Ordinance No. 8349, establishing a Sales Tax Audit Committee to review city sales tax revenues and expenditures of the Special Sales Taxes approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon on November 4, 2008. All citizens interested in serving on this committee can contact the City Managers Office at 832-3400 for more information.

### Item #4: Parks and Recreation Winter/Spring 2009 Activities Guides are available!

Spring enrollment deadlines will be here before you know it! You can access the electronic version [here](http://www.lprd.org/). ([www.lprd.org/](http://www.lprd.org/))

### Item #5: Snow Removal Ordinance

Ordinance 8324 went into effect 12/20/2008 and requires property owners to remove snow or ice within 48 hours of the end of a snowfall or ice accumulation. To make public sidewalks safe for pedestrians, the owner of property immediately adjacent to a public sidewalk is responsible for the removal of any snow or ice that accumulates on the sidewalk. Removal must be done within 48 hours after the ice forms or the snowfall ends. In the event that removal of ice is impossible, the property owner is required to place sand on the sidewalk within 48 hours.

You can view the ordinance [here](http://www.lawrenceks.org). ([www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org) Search "8324")

### Item #6: Kansas Point in Time Homeless Count

Douglas County Homeless Point-In-Time needs more than 60 volunteers to assist in taking a census of our homeless population on Jan. 28. There will be two shifts, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Training is provided, and there are multiple ways to help. If available to volunteer, contact Paige at [volunteer@rhvc.org](mailto:volunteer@rhvc.org) or Dani at [ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us)

**All information listed can be found at the City of Lawrence website:**

[www.lawrenceks.org](http://www.lawrenceks.org)

*The Neighborhood Update is produced for LAN during the first week of every month to keep members updated on neighborhood oriented issues via communication directly from the City of Lawrence. For any additional information please contact Danelle Dresslar by phone at 785-832-3108, email [ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us](mailto:ddresslar@ci.lawrence.ks.us), or at Planning and Development Services Community Development Division; 1 Riverfront Plaza; Level 1, Suite 110; PO Box 708; Lawrence, KS 66044. Comments are always welcome.*