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Mayor & City Commission Lawrence, KS

Dear Mr. Mayor & Commissioners:

The Salvation Army has long served our community selflessly. The Army has attempted over the years to do the most good with what it has had. Today, we find ourselves in a less than desirable position. Perhaps it is a position at least partially of our own making. It could be said that we could have avoided all of the controversy of the last few months had we simply raised the money and started building our project. We, like other capital projects in our community are struggling to finish. We will see this project through to completion.

Your Salvation Army needs your help. We cannot stop being The Salvation Army. Our mission to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ and meet human need without discrimination where ever it is found are central to us retaining our identity in this community. On these we cannot bend. I have rewritten our original site intentions, conditions, whatever you wish to call them. I have incorporated the neighbors concerns and language as best I can while retaining The Army's commitment to serve the neediest citizens in our community (see attachment).

We do not intend, and have repeatedly said so, to simply move our current emergency homeless shelter to a new location at Haskell & Lynn. The new facility will house a new program completely different from the "flop house" style operation that currently exists. After twenty years of providing emergency housing it is time we do something more, something better. It is time for Lawrence and The Salvation Army to do the most good for the homeless persons wanting to move up and out of their homeless condition. We have a plan, a program, and a project that will work hand in glove with Lawrence Community Shelter, and many other community agencies to help the homeless take the next step, a step up and out of homelessness. This project is an integral part of making the Task Force on Homelessness recommendations a reality. Please help us fulfill our calling to serve God and mankind in Lawrence.

Thank you and God bless you!

With heart to God & hand to man,

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The Salvation Army Lawrence, KS Site and Zoning Conditions June 28, 2006

The Lawrence City Commission approves Site Plan No. <u>SP-03-27-06</u> pursuant to the understanding that The Salvation Army has made certain commitments to the Lawrence, KS community as described in the following statements and are attached to and made a part of this site plan:

- 1. The site plan shall be valid for a period of one year as provided by Lawrence City Code Sec. 20-1435, and shall further be valid for up to an additional one year upon the approval of city staff and city commissioners granting an extension for such period as provided by the Lawrence City Code.
- 2. If, following the expiration of the period of validity of this site plan and any extension granted as described in paragraph 1, all further land development with respect to the use of this site for The Salvation Army's homeless rehabilitation program shall be subject to the special use permit procedures of the Lawrence Land Development Code that is to be effective on and after July 1, 2006.
- 3. These facilities shall house The Salvation Army's administrative and program offices, activity and program space, recreational areas, food pantry, community worship center, and a 24 hour a day, 365 day a year, homeless rehabilitation program. The rehabilitation program is to provide *program participants* with the tools and skills necessary to move from homelessness to being employed, housed, and self reliant. (This is <u>NOT</u> a transient shelter for short term stays or a drop-in center for short term residential services.)
- 4. The Salvation Army shall not now or ever seek to enter into a contract with the Department of Corrections or any judicial or law enforcement agency to provide housing for prisoners or parolees at this site.
- 5. The Salvation Army may operate a community meal program to provide a mid-day lunch for anyone needing a meal. There are no financial criteria to be met for participation. For homeless clients, a Salvation Army shuttle shall be available between the meal site and a predetermined location downtown, every 30 minutes beginning at 11:30 AM and continuing through 1:30 PM.
- 6. Persons making application for the homeless rehabilitation program shall be housed elsewhere at a short-term shelter facility until the application process and assessment is complete and they are approved for the program. Intoxicated persons wishing to enter the program shall be offered the opportunity to participate in The Salvation Army's detoxification centers in Kansas City, Kansas or Kansas City, Missouri OR enter a local shelter or facility that will allow for their intoxication. Persons arriving to make application after the intake office is closed (4:30 PM) shall be offered transportation to other shelters or agencies.

- 7. The Salvation Army shall make every reasonable effort not to allow its property to become the hang-out of any group or individual. The Salvation Army shall make every reasonable effort not to allow any illegal activities to take place on or around its property or facilities. (The rehabilitation facility will be monitored by electronic surveillance, both inside and out, and will be staffed 24 hours a day.)
- 8. Persons seeking to enter The Salvation Army's rehabilitation program that are found to have severe mental illnesses (determined by means of staff observation or professional assessment) or problems beyond the scope of the case management services provided by the program, will be referred to other agencies for services.
- 9. The Salvation Army will not knowingly admit sex offenders into the rehabilitation program. All program participants shall be screened through the K.B.I. Offender Registry. The Salvation Army will not knowingly allow any sex offender to participate in any programs, activities, or services that may put participants at risk. All staff and volunteers shall be required to submit to screening and a criminal background check.
- 10. In the event of a community emergency or disaster (tornado, flood, or other wide-spread natural or man-made disaster), The Salvation Army reserves the right to feed, house, and provide emergency services from this site to relief personnel, persons who are temporarily displaced due to disaster, and any other persons found in need under these circumstances. It is understood that temporary sheltering and feeding of persons shall be provided only within the physical structures (if they are unaffected by the disaster), not on the grounds or parking lots.

THE SALVATION ARMY Booth Homeless Intervention Program Lawrence, Kansas

INTAKE POLICY

The Salvation Army Booth Homeless Intervention Program (B.H.I.P.) in Lawrence, Kansas provides spiritual, educational, employment, healthcare, recovery, and residential services. B.H.I.P. is a rehabilitative program for persons eighteen years of age and older who find themselves homeless and desire to leave the homeless lifestyle behind. The Booth Homeless Intervention Program provides a safe, secure, and wholesome environment for men, women and families with children.

B.H.I.P. services persons who reside in Douglas County, Kansas.

B.H.I.P. is a 24 hour a day, 365 days a year operation.

Intake hours for the B.H.I.P., are from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Monday - Friday. Intake may be initiated by calling: (785) 843-4188, by self-referral, or referral by a community outreach worker, or agency in the community.

The goals of the Booth Homeless Intervention Program:

- 1. To provide services necessary to help remove existing barriers in the area of housing, employment, health care and adequate nutrition.
- 2. To make appropriate referrals to community resources/services so as to assist residents in their efforts to be become more stable and obtain housing, employment, training, etc.
- 3. To create an environment based on respect for the inherent dignity and value for each person who comes to B.H.I.P. for services.
- 4. To provide assistance to residents in their efforts to identify and achieve personal goals and targets.
- 5. To base all interactions with clients and the community within the moral and ethical framework established by The Salvation Army.