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**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
LAWRENCE, KS**

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Lawrence City Commission
PO Box 708
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via hand delivery

Re: Text Amendment

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission:

I am writing on behalf of the Lawrence Community Shelter to request that the Commission initiate an amendment to the text of the Land Development Code of the City of Lawrence.

As you know, the Community Shelter wishes to relocate in Lawrence.

The search for a new site is encumbered by the fact that homeless or transient shelters are not permitted uses in any zoning district, and are special uses only in the RSO and RMO districts. Transient shelters are not permitted uses in any zoning district and are special uses only in the CO, CD, CC, CR, CS, GPI, and H districts. Each of the districts in which the use is a special use presents problems that may be lessened in the industrial districts.


The Community Shelter respectfully requests that the Commission initiate a text amendment classifying transient shelters and homeless shelters as permitted uses in the IG and IL zoning districts. The change would still provide an opportunity for review and oversight by the City because of site planning and other permit requirements.

The industrial districts are appropriate because they could also handle an expansion of services to cover other activities such as a sheltered workshop similar to Cottonwood.

Executive Director Loring Henderson and I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this request with Commissioners at your earliest convenience.

Thanks in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Price T. Banks". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "P".

Price T. Banks

cc: Loring Henderson