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Lawrence City Commission
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**CITY MANAGERS OFFICE
LAWRENCE, KS**

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

On December 4, 2007, a text amendment to the subdivision regulations that revised the road surface requirement for land divisions within the Urban Growth Area was deferred from your agenda. The amendment proposed to replace the "hard surface" road requirement with the "county rock road standard" based on the inability of the majority of townships within the UGA to maintain hard surfaced roads.

The Planning Commission recommended approval of this amendment 8-2 in October and we approved the text amendment unanimously November 14. We view this amendment as a county, rural development issue. We do not see this revision as a lessening of the rural development regulations. The essential elements of the rural development regulations within the UGA remains unaltered and intact – prohibiting platted subdivisions (in the UGA and the Rural area), requiring planning prior to development that considers future annexation and development patterns through build out plans, and limiting the developable portion of a site to 60 percent.

We ask that this item be placed back on the next available agenda for a vote.

Sincerely,

Bob Johnson
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