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David Corliss, City Manager City of Lawrence 6 East 6<sup>th</sup> Street Lawrence, KS 66044 CITY MANAGERS OFFICE LAWRENCE, KS

Dear Mr. Corliss,

My name is Chris Armstrong and I am the chief organizer of the annual Music For The Masses concert here in Lawrence. The reason I am writing to you today is to request special permission for temporary sign construction at 1141 Massachusetts Street (the west side of south park on the street side, please see attachment one). As I have understood, standard sign permits go through the Neighborhood Resources department; however, in matters of potential code violation and/or exemption, I have been told to address you. As it stands, we plan on constructing a 4 feet by 20 feet, all-wood sign with text displaying the website, name, duration, date, a picture, and cost of the concert (please see attachment two). As for the requested duration of display, we intend on leaving the sign up for four weeks. The desired location, size, and duration of the sign violate at least Chapter 5, Section 1835 (A) of City Code, as well as city right-of-way policy. However, I believe an exemption for this particular sign is in good standing for a number of reasons. First and foremost, I do not profit from this concert – all monetary contribution from me goes strictly into budgeting expenditures, and any money coming back is distributed among bands and staff. Second, this concert serves the local community with free entertainment in a city-sponsored park, further promoting the use and conservation of our community. Lastly, local businesses have a vested interest in promoting this concert, therefore promoting the business we bring in to town. I am more than willing to meet regarding this request, and can be contacted at (785) 979-5436 at any time. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

**Chris Armstrong** 

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