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First United Methodist Church
Rev. Tom Brady, Senior Pastor
946 Vermont St.
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Rev. Brady,

On Thursday, October 21, KU Athletics, Downtown Lawrence and the Lawrence Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with the City of Lawrence and the Lawrence Convention and Visitor's Bureau, have requested to hold a pep rally event for the Kansas University Football Team and Kansas University Homecoming in the 1000 block of Massachusetts Street. Closure of this block from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. has already been approved by the City Commission. A similar event has also been approved for September 2 to celebrate the opening of the Kansas University football season.

Both events are planned as family-friendly events with the HyVee Hawk Zone inflatables being set up at the south end of the block. Coach Turner Gill's radio show will be broadcast from Buffalo Wild Wings in the 1000 block during the event. KU cheerleaders, the Pep Band and others are scheduled to participate.

A request has been made to consider a distance restriction waiver for the October 21 event. City Code requires a public hearing to be held to consider the waiver of the distance restriction that prohibits the sale of alcoholic liquor within 400 feet from a school (K through Grade 12) or church. The waiver has been requested to allow eating and drinking establishments in the 1000 block of Massachusetts Street to allow for consumption of food and alcohol outside of their existing premises. Any locations permitted would be required to set up a perimeter that would clearly set a boundary for alcoholic beverage consumption. A waiver of distance restriction is not being sought for the September 2 event.

The Lawrence City Commission will convene in the City Commission Chambers, 1st Floor, City Hall, 6 East 6th Street, Lawrence, Kansas on September 28 at 6:35 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing regarding a request for a distance restriction waiver. A copy of the information received from the coordinating agencies is attached. Pursuant to City Code, all schools and churches within 400 feet of the proposed location are required to receive written notice of the public hearing date at least 30 days prior to the public hearing. Your church is the only church or school within 400 feet of the event.



If you have any questions about this letter, or the public hearing process in general, please do not hesitate to contact me at (785) 832-3406.

Sincerely,

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Communications Manager