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Dear Scott:

Note the City of Lawrence, offers no commercial kennel or said license and therefore error was made in the wording of said section 3-106 and confusion should be cleared up concerning said section to include all State of Kansas Department of Animal Health and Welfare Act, licenses.

Pursuant to our meeting last week, please find the following motion as requested by your office. This request effects the dog ownership requirements and defines premises differently, as the State of Kansas, Department of Animal Health defines premise. This change does give unmarried couples equal ownership rights at one premise to equally own each four dogs without being licensed by the state of Kansas. However, a third person that owns a dog there would trigger the State of Kansas, license requirement by the City of Lawrence.

Now Comes, Samuel W. Fields, and request that the City Commission of Lawrence, Kansas.. Being informed and to add such change in Section 3-106, too include such wording and accept such licensed facilities, homes and building premisses under the State of Kansas, Department of Animal Health and Welfare Act. State Licensed premises, to include, any home, building or facility which meets State approval and is issued a State license for such premises, whether said premise is of a commercial or noncommercial structure and use.

Furthermore, in the absence of said State license which defines a premise as a farm or property which may consist of multi-buildings and separate structures. The City of Lawrence, Kansas may define a premise as separate and within one building or structure, such as a duplex, 4-plex or multifamily or single family structure, and said structure, that has a separate entryway or entryways existing on different streets, notwithstanding, the structure may have one common address, does meet the requirement of separate premises.

Example: One owner may own a 4-plex and have four dogs in one unit and four

dogs in another unit as long as each unit has a separate entryway and/or entryways are on different streets.

Furthermore, an owner(homeowner) or person(s) living in a single family dwelling which has three or more persons unrelated living on said premises that have each 5 or more dogs, that such premise must be licensed by the State of Kansas.

Example: An unmarried couple can own four dogs each at the premise but a third person could not own a dog unless the premise be licensed by the state of Kansas. (one person must be the homeowner and not a renter).

The purpose of this change is to allow more freedom of dog ownership and enforce responsible owners to comply with State Law when necessary. Understanding of diverse situations and living arrangements of unmarried couples as well as single individuals who own and dwell in diverse properties that are un-conformed or unclassified as to strictly commercial or residential use.

Furthermore, in these cash stricken times, encourage responsible dogs ownership and yet allow more adoptions from shelters and pounds by responsible dog owners.

Respectively submitted on this 1st day of November, 2010.

Samuel W. Fields

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. W. Fields', is written over a horizontal line.