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MEMORANDUM

To: Assistant City Manager Diane Stoddard

From: Lieutenant Gary Bunting

Date: August 20, 2012

Subject: NUISANCE ORDINANCE ABATEMENT AT 1742 E. 1350 ROAD

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office has received several citizen complaints regarding Alan Cobb shooting firearms at 1742 E. 1350 Road. This property is within the County but is surrounded on the south, east, and west sides by City of Lawrence residents in close proximity. Mr. Cobb has been shooting a .22 rifle in his backyard towards the east using hay bales as a backstop. While there is a small tree line in between, City residences are located less than 100 yards behind these targets.

There are currently no State or City laws which would prohibit this type of activity. There is, however, a Douglas County civil ordinance prohibiting nuisances which is applicable based upon the circumstances (HR 93-6-5). Our agency presented Mr. Cobb with a copy of this ordinance and a temporary verbal abatement on August 10, 2012. Mr. Cobb indicated that he would stop shooting per the abatement, but he did express the desire to speak with the Board of County Commissioners in the future about this issue.

To my knowledge, Mr. Cobb has abided by the abatement since the date it was issued. Further incidents involving the discharge of firearms at this location could result in a formal abatement issued by the Board of County Commissioners and an injunction from the Douglas County District Court.

Respectfully,


Lt. Gary Bunting

From: [Jonathan Douglass](#)
To: [Jonathan Douglass](#)
Subject: FW: County Nuisance Ordinance
Date: Monday, August 20, 2012 1:14:54 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Gary Bunting [<mailto:gbunting@dgso.org>]
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2012 11:33 AM
To: Diane Stoddard
Subject: Re: County Nuisance Ordinance

Diane,

We issued a temporary abatement on August 10th. I am working with Craig Weinaug and Evan Ice to determine whether or not we need to take it before the County Commission to request them to issue a formal abatement. The person who was shooting, Alan Cobb, has stated several times that he will follow the abatement by not shooting firearms on his property anymore. If you need any further information, please let me know.

Thanks,
Gary