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August 20, 2012

Patricia Sinclair 331 Johnson Ave Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Patricia,

This letter is in response to multiple open records requests that you hand delivered to me on August 15, 2012. I will respond separately to requests received on August 16, 2012. I have numbered the requests in order to keep them all straight, and my response to each one of them follows. In some cases I was unable to read your handwriting and have made my best effort to determine what you have requested.

Requests Received August 15, 2012

Request #1: "From June 1, 2009 – Nov. (end) 2011 – All photos, dates and [illegible] of 331 Johnson Ave – and complaints by [remainder of request illegible]."

Response #1: The enclosed CD contains all of the photos of 331 Johnson Ave that we have on file, as well as the contents of the Code Enforcement files regarding 331 Johnson Ave. The enclosed paper documents include any other records regarding 331 Johnson Ave in the possession of the Code Enforcement division.

Request #2: "CD of all photos and dates of 331 Johnson Ave and other nearby properties since per notice of violation on July 16 and 18/12. Contents of my code file and names/dates of complainants, notes, reports, memos."

Response #2: The enclosed CD contains all of the photos of 331 Johnson Ave that we have on file, as well as the contents of the Code Enforcement files regarding 331 Johnson Ave. The request for information regarding "other nearby properties" is too vague to respond to at this time. Please provide specific addresses, in writing, if there are other properties concerning which you would like to request records. Paper copies of other files are also enclosed, including complaints received regarding 331 Johnson Ave.



Request #3: "All photos of 331 Johnson and nearby properties. Records of complaints of 331, by whom and when, notes, reports, memos, etc."

Response #3: Response #1 and Response #2 above address this request also.

Request #4: "Records in attached emails re: weeds (requested)."

Response #4: From what I can determine, you are requesting the following: a copy of Chapter 18 of the City Code; a copy of Chapter 15 of the City Code; color photographs of your property documenting alleged violations; addresses of nearby properties cited; list of all of the properties cited this year (2012).

Copies of Chapters 15 and 18 of the City Code are enclosed with this letter. The requested photos have been provided in response to the previous requests. Enclosed with this letter is a report on all environmental blight cases for 2012.

Any response to this letter, including clarifications of your requests, should be submitted to me in writing. I hope that the records we have been able to provide thus far are helpful.

Singerely,

Jonathan Douglass

City Clerk

Open Records Copy Request Application

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that neither I nor any person for whom I may be acting as agent intends to and will not use any names or addresses contained in or derived from the records to sell or offer for sale any property or service to the persons or residents of the addresses listed, and will not sell, give or receive any list of names or addresses to be used for unlawful commercial purposes [See K.S.A. 45-220 (c)(2)(A)(B) and K.SA. 45-230]

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Notice of weed ordinance violation

Date:

5/16/2012 1:57:20 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

Pesinclair@aol.com

To:

smccullough@ci.lawrence.ks.us, bjimenez@ci.lawrence.ks.us, djohnson@ci.lawrence.ks.us

To:

Scott McCollough, Brian Jimenez, Dan Johnson, City of Lawrence

From: Patricia Sinclair Date: May 16, 2012

Re:

Notice of Violation, Weed Ordinance

Case NO: 12-20000487

331 Johnson Ave., Lawrence, KS 66044

Please acknowledge receipt of this document via email to <u>pesinclair@aol.com today</u> and follow it with a letter of acknowledgment. Please also send all materials requested.

- 1. I deny that I was in violation of the city of Lawrence's weed ordinance on the date of your letter, May 4, 2012, or that I am currently in violation.
- 2. I am formally requesting a hearing before the Community Development Advisory Committee regarding this matter. More about that follows.
- 3. Your letter was dated May 4, but not mailed until May 7. A first notice of certified letter of May 8 went astray and I did not get the second and final notice until the end of the day of May 14. I got it from the post office at the end of the day yesterday, May 15. Therefore, I am assuming that the dates shown are incorrect, given the delay in mailing.
- 4. I can only assume that: you are mistaken because you cannot distinguish between a garden plant and a weed; that you are viewing property not belonging to me; or that you are singling me out for false and malicious citation.
- 5. I have been unable to download the Chapter 18 of the city code onto my computer and do not have the time to come to your office to read it. Perhaps you can provide me with a copy of it as the Adobe is not working for me. I hope to hand-deliver a copy of this notice to your office today, but I do not know if time will permit as my day is rapidly vanishing and heat is rising. Please have a copy of this chapter as well as Chapter 15 available to me at no charge. Your notice fails to in any way specify any specific section of the code you allege that I have violated. You also fail to specify any particular area or plant you feel is in violation. You only tell me to mow and trim "this area." I am dumbfounded and do not know what to make of this as I have done yardwork for months and nothing growing on my property constitutes a health risk. Please inform me of precisely what you believe to be out of compliance.
- 6. I will not discuss this matter by phone with Dan Johnson or any other city employee due to the lack of a written record which results and the lies and contradictions which have resulted from phone conversations with this department in the past. I have a right to require written communication. Please be advised that my computer is old, I do not check it often, and sometimes emails with City Hall have been known to go astray or be delivered late. Therefore, if you email, please also mail to me and know that my mail does not come until as late as 5 p.m.
- 7. As I told Dan Johnson and your department repeatedly, both in 2009 and before, you do not have permission from me to enter my property to snoop or for other reasons. It is posted "no trespassing." Any entry for the purposes of mowing or trimming what you might consider to

be weeds will be considered to be both a violation of the law, my privacy, and will also be subject to any related compensatory and punitive damages.

- 8. Please provide me with color photographs of my property documenting the alleged violation(s) and their date(s).
- 9. As I have told you before, I have a Protection from Stalking order against Tim Houser who lives with his girlfriend at 332 Johnson Ave. I have requested that your dept. not take anonymous complaints against me as this allows for the possibility of Mr. Houser or those under his sway to violate the PFS by harassing me. This would be a crime.
- 10. Please inform me whether your notice is the result of an inspection by the city initiated on its own or the result of a complaint. If the latter, please provide me with the name(s) of the complaintants. If the former, please provide me with the addresses of nearby properties cited.
- 11. Please provide me with a list of all of the properties cited this year and whether they were cited as the result of a citizen complaint or an inspector's routine patrol. Please also tell me which properties reported did <u>not</u> receive a notice of violation. Please inform me of the outcome of each notice of violation.
- 12. As to the timing of the CDAC appeal, I cannot attend until my current environmental business with the city is concluded. As you well know, I currently have an appeal at District Court as well as new cases at Municipal Court. To have to prepare for and attend a CDAC meeting while these other cases are pending would seriously affect my ability to assist in my defense in the other cases, which is necessary in these complex and unusual cases.
- 13. It is unfortunate that you have again singled me out for your department's attention, causing me an enormous amount of stress, taking time away from my other duties and necessary personal business, including legal actions including defense, causing me a loss of time which is extremely valuable to me during this final period of dry somewhat cool weather.
- 14. Materials requested will be used by me to ascertain what you consider to be the source of the problem. They will also be used by me for my CDAC appeal.

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weed ordinance

Date:

5/17/2012 3:25:51 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

Pesinclair@aol.com

To:

dcorliss@ci.lawrence.ks.us, twheeler@lawrenceks.org, smccullough@ci.lawrence.ks.uss,

bjimenez@ci.lawrence.ks.us, djohnson@ci.lawrence.ks.us

May 17, 2012

Re: Case No. 12-20000487

Weed Ordinance

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I do not intend to submit to any sort of inspection as I do not believe that there is any problem. Please advise me of what is involved. I believe that it is inappropriate for your staff to use this alleged weed violation as a means to snoop all over my property in relation to current cases, as they do not have the right to enter my property for those.

I emailed three of you yesterday with a response to my notice of violation and asked that you respond assuring me that you will schedule the appeal requested (so as not to interfere with the multiple city actions against me already) and to be reassured that nobody will enter my property with the intent to somehow destroy my vegetation and quite possibly kill birds and destroy nests. I am sorry that nobody chose to respond.

That email made it clear that the notice was not mailed until May 7, 2012, not May 4 as shown on the letterhead. Therefore, I have given timely notice both today and yesterday.

To be on the safe side, I hand-delivered copies of the email to the Codes office and asked that a receipt I had brought along be signed. I believe that I was kept waiting for about an hour. Brian Jimenez insisted that we talk, which I refused to do. My emails stated that everything was to be in writing. He then insisted that I listen to what he said or he would not sign the receipt.

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Even though I had brought along his envelope with the postmark, he refused to acknowledge that I was within the days allowed after notice. So I am fearful that, at any time, someone will appear and tear up my yard. Please reassure me on that point.

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I am an organic gardener and a member of an organic gardening club. My back yard, in particular, I desire to be a place of enjoyment and relaxation with nature for me or any guests. It is also a home to and a feeding/watering/shelter station for birds and other animals. Many birds make their home on my property or nearby, and this includes active nests. Please be aware that disturbing an active nest of all but a few birds is a Federal offense.

I have spent an enormous amount of time maintaining my grounds this year, and its vegetation does not present any kind of a health or blight problem. I am rigorous about poison ivy and allergens.

I allow sunflowers to bloom throughout my yard and am hoping to continue with a process of gradually eliminating any regular grass in favor of natural landscaping combined with traditional garden flowers and fruits/vegetables.

Please respond ASAP. Thank you.

Patricia Sinclair

Subj:

RE: weed ordinance

Date:

5/17/2012 3:39:07 P.M. Central Daylight Time

From:

bjimenez@lawrenceks.org

To:

Pesinclair@aol.com, DCorliss@lawrenceks.org, twheeler@lawrenceks.org,

smccullough@ci.lawrence.ks.uss, djohnson@lawrenceks.org

Ms. Sinclair,

We will review your email sent yesterday afternoon as well as this email and will provide you a response in the near future.

From: Pesinclair@aol.com [Pesinclair@aol.com]

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2012 3:25 PM

To: David L. Corliss; Toni Wheeler; smccullough@ci.lawrence.ks.uss; Brian Jimenez; Dan Johnson

Subject: weed ordinance

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Patricia Sinclair

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CHAPTER XV. PUBLIC PROPERTY, PARKS AND RECREATION

<u>Article 1.</u>

Public Library

Article 2.

Parks and Recreation

Article 3.

Public Building Commission

ARTICLE 1. PUBLIC LIBRARY

15-101 REMOVAL OF BOOKS.

It shall be unlawful for any person to take from the Lawrence Free Public Library or any premises thereof any book, record, magazine, picture, map, pamphlet or other public or personal property belonging to or under the control of the Lawrence Free Public Library except with the permission of the librarian or person or persons in charge thereof, and in compliance with the rules of the library or to retain and thus unlawfully convert such book, record, magazine, picture, map, pamphlet or other public or personal property in his or her possession or keep the same out of the library for a longer period of time than that designated in each book on the date-due card. (Code 1979, 12-101)

15-102 **PENALTY**.

Any person violating this Article or any rule or regulation authorized by this Article shall upon conviction thereof be punished by a fine of not less than \$1 nor more than \$100. (Code 1979, 12-102)

ARTICLE 2. PARKS AND RECREATION

15-201 **CONTRACT**.

This Article shall constitute a contract between the Board of Education and the City, for the termination of the Lawrence Recreation Commission as of December 31, 1965, from which date the entire responsibility for the operation of a public recreation system in the City shall be vested in the City exclusively. (Code 1979, 15-101)

15-202 PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD APPOINTED.

The Governing Body of the City will appoint all presently acting members of the Recreation Commission to a body which will be known as the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to be composed of five (5) members. The term of each member shall be four (4) years each to serve his or her unexpired term. Reappointment shall be in accordance with City policy. (Code 1979, 15-102)

15-203 **PROPERTY TRANSFERRED**.

All property of the Lawrence Commission shall be transferred and delivered to the City on the 31st day of December, 1965, and the City will budget for the next fiscal year for all recreational activities. (Code 1979, 15-103)

15-204 **POWERS AND DUTIES**.

Such Board shall make recommendations to the Governing Body of the City on all matters referred to it concerning recreational facilities and program including all major proposals for construction, reconstruction, acquisition and improvement to public parks. The Board shall make such further recommendations as deemed advisable.

The Parks and Recreation Department as established is responsible for the maintenance of all park facilities and development of new park areas, the care of all trees on public right-of-way including planting, trimming and treating of diseased trees and the organization and direction of a program of acceptable recreational and

leisure time activities for all citizens. (Code 1979, 15-104)

15-205 **BOARD MEETING.**

The members shall meet at least once a month at a time and place as they may designate. One of their members shall be selected as Chairperson. A record shall be kept of the proceedings. (Code 1979, 15-105)

15-206 **PERSONNEL**.

The Parks and Recreation Department shall consist of the following employees:

- (A) Director of Parks and Recreation;
- (B) Such other employees that may be required by ordinance or may be deemed necessary by the City Manager to effectively carry out the work of that Department. (Code 1979, 15-106)

15-207 **PROHIBITED ACTS**.

The promotion of events designed for profit or to attract the public is prohibited in parks unless a permit is granted by the Parks and Recreation Department. (Code 1979, 15-107)

15-208 PUBLIC PARKS: HOURS OF OPERATION.

With the exception of Burcham Park, all public parks within the City limits shall be open daily to the public from 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Burcham Park shall be open daily to the public from 5:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons (other than city personnel conducting city business therein), to occupy or be present in any park during the hours of 11:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.; 10:30 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. for Burcham Park. Written request for variances from these closing hours may be granted through a permit issued by the Director of Parks and Recreation, City of Lawrence. (Code 1979, 14-708; Ord. 5937)

15-209 HUNTING AND TRAPPING ANIMALS WITHIN PARKS PROHIBITED.

- (A) No person shall maintain or engage any trap designed for the purpose of capturing any animal within any park, recreation or open space area owned by the City of Lawrence. (Ord. 7903)
- (B) No person shall hunt any animal within any park, recreation or open space area owned by the City of Lawrence. "Hunt" means take, in any manner, any animal. "Take" means shoot, wound, kill or capture. (Ord. 7903)
- (C) Nothing herein shall prevent any authorized health official from carrying out duties imposed by law in relation to the control of diseased animals or disease carriers. (Ord. 7903)
- (D) Any person violating this provision of this Chapter shall upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not less than \$25.00. (Ord. 7903)

ARTICLE 3. PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION

15-301 COMMISSION CREATED.

There is hereby created a Public Building Commission which shall be a municipal corporation, the Governing Body of which shall consist of five (5) members, all of whom shall be the duly elected or appointed City Commissioners of the City of Lawrence. Each such elected or appointed City Commissioner of the City shall automatically become and be a member of the Governing Body of the Public Building Commission and shall so serve during the entire time, but only so long as he or she shall continue as a duly elected or appointed City Commissioner of this City. (Code 1979, 15-301)

15-302 **FUNCTIONS, POWERS**.

The Public Building Commission is hereby created for the following purposes and shall be and is hereby authorized to exercise the following functions and powers, to wit:

- (A) To acquire a site or sites for and construct, reconstruct, equip and furnish a building or buildings or other facilities of a revenue producing character, including parking facilities or purchase or otherwise acquire such building or buildings or facilities, and such building or buildings or facilities shall be maintained and operated for the housing and accommodation of City offices or such other purposes as are commonly carried on in connection with such facilities and general City buildings.
- (B) To rent all or any part of its buildings or other facilities to any federal, state or county governmental agency, or any municipal corporation, quasi-municipal corporation, political subdivision or body politic, or agency thereof, doing business, maintaining an office or rendering a public service in

Douglas County, Kansas, and to rent any space as may be needed by such governmental agencies for such service facilities as the Public Building Commission may determine will primarily serve the comfort and convenience of the occupants of its buildings or other facilities.

- (C) To issue revenue bonds of the Public Building Commission to provide funds for the purpose of acquiring, erecting, equipping, repairing, maintaining and operating buildings and other facilities and to acquire sites necessary and convenient therefore, and to pay all costs and expenses incident thereto, or to refund its outstanding bonds.
- (D) To establish and fix rates, rentals; fees and charges, for the use of any and all buildings or space therein or other facilities owned and operated by the commission, sufficient at all times to pay maintenance and operation costs of such buildings, or facilities, the principal of and interest on all bonds issued by the Commission as the same shall become due and payable and to make all payments to any accounts created by any bond resolution.
- (E) To acquire the fee simple title to real property, including easements and reversionary interests in the streets, alleys and other public places and personal property required for its purposes, by purchase, gift, devise or by the exercise of the powers of eminent domain of the state, and title thereto shall be taken in the corporate name of the Commission.
- (F) To enter into written leases with tenants of its buildings or facilities under such terms and conditions as it shall deem appropriate, not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article and the laws of the State of Kansas.
- (G) To convey title to real estate it shall hold title to and sell, assign, transfer, trade any of its interest in personal property.
- (H) To do all things necessary and incidental to the purpose of construction or acquiring or enlarging, furnishing and equipping, and operating and maintaining buildings to be made available for use by governmental agencies, together with all other powers afforded it by the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1757:1768, both inclusive, and amendments thereto (Code 1979, 15-302)

CHAPTER XVIII. TREES

Article 1.

Street Trees

Article 2.

Licensed Tree Care

Article 3.

Weeds

ARTICLE 1. STREET TREES

18-101 SHORT TITLE.

This Article shall be known and may be cited as the "Street Tree Ordinance" of the City. (Code 1979, 18-301)

18-102 **DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION.**

The office of the Director of Parks and Recreation is hereby created. The Director of Parks and Recreation shall be appointed by the City and shall receive such salary as may be authorized by the ordinance. (Code 1979, 18-401)

18-103 **DEFINITIONS.**

- (A) Park shall include all public parks having individual names, and all areas owned by the City, or to which the public has free access as a park.
- (B) <u>Tree</u> unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, means any plant with a single or no more than four trunks and without lateral branches at the lower trunk areas.
- (C) Shrub or bush shall be any plant with no defined trunk and many lateral branches from the main trunk and/or ground.
- (D) <u>Brush and woody vines</u> shall be classified as weeds. (See Article 3 of this Chapter.)

(E) Tree size:

- (1) **Large Trees** are designated as those attaining a height of 45 feet or more;
- (2) **Medium Trees** are designated as those attaining a height of 30 to 45 feet;
- (3) **Small Trees** are designated as those attaining a height of 20 to 30 feet. (Code 1979, 18-302)

18-104 PERMITS FOR PLANTING, REMOVAL.

The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall be responsible for the planting, care and removal for all trees located within the street right-of-way and parks of the City. The owner of land abutting on any street may, when acting within the provisions of this Article, prune, spray, plant or remove trees in that part of the street abutting his or her land not used for public travel. A street tree permit shall be required only when the owner of property intends to deviate from the rules and regulations contained within this Article; except that when a property owner requests the City to plant a tree on the right-of-way in front of his or her property, he shall be required to sign a street tree permit agreeing to care for such tree. (Code 1979, 18-303)

18-105 TREE PLANTING PROCEDURE.

Tree planting on any right-of-way shall be performed in strict accordance with the following regulations established for the planting, pruning and care of trees in public places. If a person intends to deviate from the rules herein, they must make application for a street tree permit to plant or set out trees or plants. The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall have the authority to require from the applicant a detailed declaration of intentions with regard to planting.

Whenever any tree shall be planted or set out in conflict with the provisions of this Section, it shall be lawful for the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee to remove or cause removal of the same, and the exact cost thereof shall be assessed to the owner as provided by law in the case of special assessments.

- (A) Trees must not be less than one (1) inch in diameter of trunk one (1) foot above the ground.
- (B) All trees from one (1) to three (3) inches in diameter of trunk one (1) foot above the ground must be protected and supported by tree guards.
- (C) No tree shall be placed so as to cause a traffic hazard.
- (D) Spacing of trees should be determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee according to local conditions, the species, cultivara or varieties used, their mature height, spread and form. Generally all large trees shall be planted 40 to 60 feet on center, all medium sized trees shall be planted a minimum of 35 feet on center; and all small trees shall be planted a minimum of 25 feet on center.
- (E) No tree shall be planted where the clear space between the curb and sidewalk is less than three (3) feet.
- (F) No tree shall be planted nearer than one (1) foot from the curbline or outer line of the sidewalk.
- (G) No tree of shrub shall be planted on a corner nearer than 50 feet from the intersecting curbline of the two (2) streets or within the triangle connecting these two (2) points. (Code 1979, 18-304)

18-106 **RESPONSIBILITY OF CITY.**

If at any time the City Commission authorizes widening a street so that the requirements of Section 18-105 are not met, the City of Lawrence or its designated contractor shall remove the tree or trees that do not conform at no cost to the owner of the abutting property. (Code 1979, 18-304)

18-107 TREE PROTECTION.

No person shall intentionally damage, cut, carve, transplant, or remove any tree, attach any rope, wire, nails, advertising poster or other contrivance to any tree, allow any fire, gaseous liquid, solid substance which is harmful to such trees to come in contact with them. All trees on any street or other publicly owned property near any excavation or construction of any building, structure, or street work, shall be guarded with a good substantial fence, frame, or box not less than four (4) feet high and eight (8) feet square or at a distance in feet from the tree equal to the diameter of the trunk in inches (D.B.H.), whichever is greater, and all building material, dirt or other debris shall be kept outside the barrier. No person shall excavate any ditches or trenches or lay any drive or walk within a radius of ten (10) feet from any tree within the public right-of-way without first obtaining a permit from the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee. For the installation or repair of any underground

utility within the ten (10) foot radius, a permit may be issued by the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee to tunnel under the root system to minimize tree damage. No person shall deposit, place, store or maintain upon any public right-of-way any stone, brick, sand, concrete or other materials which may impede the free passage of water, air and fertilizer to the roots of any tree growing therein. (Code 1979, 18-306; Ord. 5506)

18-107A TREE EXEMPTION.

The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee may exempt certain trees within the right-of-way from protection as provided in Section 18-107 and have them removed when in the way of public improvements such as tree planting, pruning, and underground or overhead utility work. The standards for exemption are:

- (A) Poor spacing;
- (B) Poor condition of tree;
- (C) Dead tree;
- (D) Undesirable tree type for location.

Tree conditions are defined as follows:

- (1) <u>Good</u>: healthy and vigorous tree. No apparent signs of insect, disease, or mechanical injury. Little or no corrective work required. Form representative of species.
- (2) <u>Fair:</u> average condition and vigor. The tree is in need of some corrective pruning or repair. It lacks desirable form characteristics or shows minor insect injury, disease, or physical damage.
- (3) <u>Poor</u>: the general state of the tree is in decline. It shows severe mechanical, insect, or disease damage, but death is not imminent.
- (4) <u>Dead/Dying</u>: the tree is dead or death is imminent. (Ord. 5506)

18-108 PUBLIC TREE CARE.

The Parks and Recreation Department shall have the right to plant, trim, spray, preserve and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the line of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds as may be necessary to insure safety or to preserve the symmetry and beauty of such public grounds. The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee may remove or cause or order to be removed, any tree or part thereof which is in an unsafe condition or which by reason of its nature is injurious to sewers or other public improvements, or is affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest. (Code 1979, 18-306)

18-108.1 LANDSCAPED TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES – FEE REQUIRED.

From and after the effective date of this ordinance, the City shall require the payment of a one time fee for the installation and maintenance of landscaping in traffic calming circles. The payment of the fee shall be required at the time of the approval of the street plans for the development. All landscaping shall be approved by the City's Parks and Recreation Department. The fee shall be \$2,000.00 per traffic calming circle. Upon payment of the fee, and the installation of the traffic calming circle, the Parks and Recreation Department shall install and maintain appropriate landscaping in the traffic calming circle. (Ord. 7901)

18-109 TRIMMING AND CORNER CLEARANCE.

Every owner or occupant of any house, building, lot or premises who owns any tree located on their property which overhangs any street or right-of-way within the City shall trim the branches so that such branches shall not obstruct the light from any street lamp or obstruct the view of any street intersection and so that there shall be a clear space of eight (8) feet above the surface of the street or sidewalk. The owners shall remove all dead, diseased or dangerous trees or broken or decayed limbs from their property which constitutes a menace to the safety of the public. The City shall have the right to trim any tree or shrub on private property when it interferes with the proper spread of light along the street from a street light, or interferes with visibility of approaching vehicles or any traffic control device or sign, such trimming to be confined to the area immediately above the right-of-way. (Code 1979, 18-307)

- (1) All shrubs and bushes located on the triangle formed by two (2) curb lines at the intersection of two (2) streets and extending for a distance of fifty (50) feet each way from the intersection of the curb lines on any corner lot within the city, shall not be permitted to grow to a height of more than thirty-six (36) inches above the road level of any street, avenue, or alley, in order that the view of the driver of a vehicle approaching a street intersection shall not be obstructed.
- (2) Every owner or occupant of any house, building, lot or premises shall keep any shrub, bush or tree growing on the premises, trimmed to a height that will not obscure or block the view of a vehicle leaving the premises and entering the public right-of-way.
- (3) Any owner or occupant of any property failing to trim any trees, shrubs, or bushes in conformity with this Section shall be notified by the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee to do so and such notice shall require trimming in conformity with this Section within five (5) days after the date of such notice. Upon the expiration of such period, the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee may cause the trimming to be done and the cost thereof may be collected from the owner of the property in the manner provided by law. (Code 1979, 18-307)

18-110 INTERFERENCE WITH DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION.

It shall be unlawful for any person to prevent, delay or interfere with the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee or any of his or her agents, or servants, while engaging in the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying, inspecting or removing of any trees, plants or shrubs in or upon any public right-of-way, public park or upon any private grounds as authorized in this Article. (Code 1979,18-308)

18-111 RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee may make additional rules and regulations pertaining to the planting, removal and care of trees, bushes and shrubs not inconsistent with the provisions of this Article. No person shall fail to obey any such rule or regulation. (Code 1979,18-309)

18-112 TREE TOPPING.

It shall be unlawful as a normal practice for any person, firm or City department to top any street tree, park tree or other tree on public property. Topping is defined as the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs large than three (3) inches in diameter within the tree's crown to such a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree. Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes or certain trees under utility wires or other obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical, may be exempted from this provision at the determination of the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee. (Code 1979, 18-310)

18-113 PUBLIC NUISANCES DECLARED.

Any living or standing elm tree or part thereof infected with the Dutch Elm Disease fungus Ceratocystis ulmi (Buisman) Moreau which harbors any of the elm bark beetles Scolytus multistriatus (Eichh.) or Hylurgopinus rufipes (Marsh.) is hereby declared to be a public nuisance wherever it may be found within the City. (Ord. 5286, Section 2)

18-114 **NUISANCES PROHIBITED.**

No person, firm or corporation shall permit any public nuisance as defined in Section 18-113 of this Article to remain on any premises owned or controlled by him within the City. (Code 1979, 18-403)

18-115 **INSPECTION.**

The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall inspect or cause to be inspected all premises and places within the City at least twice each year to determine whether any public nuisance as defined in Section 18-113 of this Article exists thereon, and shall also inspect or cause to be inspected any elm tree reported or suspected to be infected with the Dutch elm disease fungus or any elm barkbearing material reported or suspected to be infested with the elm bark beetle. The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall have the authority to enter upon private premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of carrying out any of the provisions of this Article. (Code 1979, 18-404)

18-116 ABATEMENT OF DUTCH ELM DISEASE NUISANCES.

Provisions relating to the abatement of Dutch Elm disease nuisances are:

- 18-116.1 Whenever the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall find with reasonable certainty on examination or inspection that any public nuisance as defined in this Article exists within the City, he or she shall cause it to be sprayed, removed, burned or otherwise abated in such manner as to destroy or prevent as fully as possible the spread of Dutch elm disease fungus or the insect pests or vectors known to carry such disease.
- 18-116.2 Before abating any nuisance on private premises or in any terrace strip between the lot line and the curb, the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall proceed as follows:
 - (A) If the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall determine that danger to other elm trees from the nuisance is not imminent because of elm dormancy, he shall make a written report of his or her findings to the City Commission who shall proceed as provided in Chapter 12, Article 32 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated.
 - (B) A City of Lawrence representative or competent state or federal authority when requested by the Governing Body of the City will mark private trees between May 1 and September 1 of each year and shall file with the Governing Body a statement in writing based upon a laboratory test or other supporting evidence that trees or tree materials or shrubs located upon private property within such City are infected or infested with or harbor any tree or plant disease or insect, pest or larvae, the uncontrolled presence of which may constitute a hazard to or result in the damage or destruction of other trees or shrubs in the community, describing the same and where located, and the Governing Body shall direct the City Clerk to issue a notice sent by registered mail or delivered by a police officer, requiring the owner or agent or the owner of the premises to treat or remove any such

designated tree, tree material or shrub by December 30 of that calendar year. If the owner or agent shall fail to comply with the requirements of the notice within the time specified, then the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall proceed to have the designated tree, tree material or shrub treated or removed and report the cost thereof to the City Clerk, and the cost of such treatment or removal shall be paid by the owner of the property or shall be assessed and charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the tree, tree material or shrub was located. The City Clerk shall at the time of certifying other city taxes to the County Clerk, certify the unpaid costs and the County Clerk shall extend the same on the tax roll of the County against the lot or parcel of ground.

18-116.3 No damage shall be awarded to the owner for destruction of any elm tree, elm wood or elm material or any part thereof pursuant to this section. (Code 1979, 18-405)

18-117 SPRAYING OF ELM TREES.

Rules and regulations pertaining to the spraying of elm trees in the City are:

- (A) Whenever it is determined that Dutch elm disease fungus is present within the city, the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee may cause to be sprayed all trees located on the City right-of-way with a recognized effective elm bark beetle concentrate or he may authorize use of a systemic insecticide. Spraying shall be done between November 15 and May 1.
- (B) Before causing the spraying of any elm tree on private property in accordance with this Section, the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall notify the owner as provided in Section 18-1 16.2 of this Article. (Code 1979, 18-406)

18-118 STORAGE AND USAGE OF ELM WOOD.

American Elm wood may be stored and used as firewood if it is burned or debarked before April 1 each year. American Elm wood kept past April 1 must be rendered unsuitable as a breeding site for the elm bark beetle by covering the elm wood with plastic for at least sixty (60) days. (Ord. 5286, Sec. 3)

ARTICLE 2. LICENSING AND REGULATIONS

18-201 LICENSE REQUIRED.

No person shall engage in the business of cutting, trimming, pruning, removing, spraying or otherwise treating trees, within the City without first procuring a license therefor from the City Clerk. The application for such license shall specify the types of service for which the applicant desires to be licensed. Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed to prevent the owner or occupant from performing work on his or her own property. (Code 1979, 18-201)

18-202 **SAME; EXAMINATION.**

Before any such license shall be issued, the City Clerk shall submit to the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee who shall thereupon examine the applicant orally and in writing upon the applicant's qualifications and competency to engage in the types of service for which his or her application discloses that he desires to be licensed. A current certification from the Kansas Arborist Association or equivalent certification may be used in lieu of a written examination. The applicant shall demonstrate such actual practical ability and competence or furnish such evidence of previous satisfactory experience as the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee deems proper. The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee shall return said application with an endorsement of approval for the

type of service in which the applicant has been found qualified, or an endorsement of disapproval accompanied by a written explanation for all other applied for types of service. The City Clerk shall issue or refuse to issue such license in accordance with the endorsement of the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee. (Code 1979, 18-202)

18-203 **LICENSE**.

Every such license shall show upon its face the types of service in which the licensee therein named is licensed and authorized to render and perform. (Code 1979, 18-203)

18-204 INSURANCE REQUIREMENT.

No license shall be effective or be issued until the applicant or licensee shall present to the City Clerk a satisfactory public liability insurance policy covering all operations of such applicant or licensee in such business in the city in the sum of at least \$50,000 per occurrence bodily injury liability insurance and at least \$50,000 per occurrence, \$100,000 aggregate limit property damage liability insurance. Should any policy be canceled, the City shall be notified of such cancellation within 10 days after such cancellation is effective.

A provision requiring such notice shall be incorporated in such policy. In the event any such policy at any time fails, in the opinion of the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee, to comply with the provisions hereof or to afford reasonably satisfactory protection to the persons intended to be protected, such failure shall be grounds for revocation of any such license, or in the discretion of the Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee, grounds for the suspension thereof until the insurance required hereby be so furnished. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business defined herein while his or her license is for any reason suspended or revoked. (Code 1979, 18-204)

18-205 LICENSE FEE.

The initial fee for every licensee to engage in this business shall be \$60 for the calendar year or portion thereof, or \$30 if the licensee is certified by the Kansas Arborist Association. The issuance of such license shall entitle and authorize the licensee to engage in only such types of service as shown on the face of such license. It shall be unlawful and a ground for revocation of such license, for the licensee to engage in any or other different types of service constituting all or any part or parts of such business. Renewal of such license shall be \$18 per calendar year. The initial fee for a license limited to dead tree removal from private property shall be \$30 for the first calendar year or portion thereof, and \$12 per year for renewal.

Effective date of initial licenses shall be the first day of operation within the City. Current licenses must be renewed by February 15. (Code 1979, 18-205; Ord. 5517)

18-206 **RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

The Director of Parks and Recreation or his or her designee may recommend for adoption reasonable rules and regulations governing those aspects of the conduct of the business defined in 18-201 hereof and of any and all parts thereof, directly affecting the public health and safety and requiring the use of such safety appliances, apparatus and equipment as are reasonably necessary for the protection of the workmen engaged therein, and the public and private property and it shall be unlawful for any licensee hereunder to violate or fail, neglect or refuse to comply with any such rules or regulations. Such rules and regulations shall be adopted, amended and repealed by majority vote of the City Commission and shall be effective when filed with the City Clerk. (Code 1979, 18-206)

18-207 NAME AND ADDRESS DISPLAYED.

All automobiles, trucks, trailers or other vehicles operated by any licensee for the transportation of the equipment used by him or her in such business and all self-propelled, draw or tow equipment used by any licensee in such business shall have the name and address of such licensee displayed on both sides thereof in plain and legible figures and letters not less than three inches in height which shall be kept in such condition as to permit the same to be readily distinguished and read at a distance of at least sixty (60) feet. It shall be unlawful and a ground for revocation of his or her license for any licensee to operate any such vehicle or cause any such equipment to be operated or drawn or towed upon the streets, alleys or any public ways or places within the City unless or without the same being so displayed thereon. (Code 1979, 18-207)

ARTICLE 3. WEEDS

18-301 **PURPOSE**.

The purpose of this Article is to declare the excessive growth of certain vegetation within the City to be noxious and prohibit said excessive growth; to provide for notification of the owner, occupant, or agent of property upon which a violation of this Article has been determined to exist and to afford such person the opportunity to request a hearing before the Governing Body; to charge a public officer with the administration and enforcement of this Article and authorize the City to abate the excessive growth upon failure of the owner, occupant, or agent of the property to correct the violation. This Article is designed to promote traffic safety by removing obstructions to the vision of motorists; to protect the public health and safety by eradicating conditions which may accelerate the spread of fire and which are conducive to the nesting and proliferation of rodents, snakes, mosquitos, vermin, or other pestiferous conditions; and to promote the general welfare by improving the physical environment, correcting blighted areas and preserving property values. This Article shall not apply to that portion of land used for agricultural use which is more than 150 feet from any occupied residential subdivision, lot, tract, or parcel of land. (Ord. 5650)

18-302 **DEFINITIONS.**

For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

- (A) Agent means any person registered with the City Minimum Housing and Environmental Inspector as agent for a property, or any nonowner listed on the Douglas County tax roll as the person to receive the tax bill notice.
- (B) <u>Excessive growth</u> means plant length twelve (12) inches or more above the ground in height, or length if matted down, as measured along the stem.
- (C) Owner means the person shown on an affidavit of equitable interest in ownership on file with the register of deeds in Douglas County, or the person(s) listed as the owner of record for the property as registered with the register of deeds in Douglas County, Kansas.
- (D) Person means any individual, individuals, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, other business organization, committee, board, trustee, receiver, agent or other representative, who has charge, care or responsibility for maintenance of any property, lot or parcel of land regardless of status as owner, tenant or lessee, whether or not in possession.
- (E) <u>Vegetation</u> includes, but is not limited to, weeds (as defined herein), woody

vines, brush, uncultivated plants and grasses.

Weeds include, but is not limited to, barnyard grass (echinochloa crusgalli); (F) beggar tick, sticktight, devil's pitchfork (bidens frondosa); burdock (arctium minus); Canada goldenrod (sodidago canadensis); crabgrass, large or large hairy (digitaria sanguinalis); cocklebur (xanthium strumarium); curled dock. sour dock (rumex crispus); curltop smartweed (polygonum lapathifolium); daisy fleabane (erigeron strigosus); dandelion (taraxacum officinale); dog bone (apocynum cannabinum); fall panicum (panicum dichotomiflorum); fescue (festuca pratensis); flannel mullein (verbascum thapsus); fireweed (kochia scoparia); foxtail barley (hordeum jubatum); green foxtail (selaria viridis); hedge parsley (forilis arvensis); hemp (cannabis sativa); hoarv verbena (verbena stricta); horsenettle (solanum carolinense); horseweed (conyza canadensis); Indian mallow, velvet leaf (abutilon theophrasti); ironweed (verononia baldwinii); Japanese brome (bromus japonicus); Johnson grass (sorghum halepense); lambsquarter (chenopodium album); maple-leaved goosefoot (chenopodium hybriudum); milkweed (asclepias syriacs); mullen, common (verbascum thapsus); musk, nodding thistle (carduus nutans); patience dock (rumex patientia); Pennsylvania smartweed (polygonum pennsylvanicum); pennycress (thalspi arvense); pigweed, rough, or redroot (amaranthus retroflexus); pokeberry (phytolacca americana); prickly wild lettuce (lactuca serriola); purpletop grass (tridens flavus); ragweed, common (ambrosia artemisiifolia); ragweed, giant kinghead (ambrosia trifida); sagewort (artmisia ludoviciana); shepherd's purse (capsella bursapastoris); smooth dock (rumex altissimus); snakeroot (eupatorium rugosum); Spanish needles (bidens bipannata); spurge. nodding or upright spotted (euphorbia maculata); stinging nettle, nettle (urtica dioica); stinkgrass, lovegrass (eragrostis cilianesis); sumpweed (iva annual); swamp smartweed, tanweed, devil's shoestring (polygonum coccineum); tall thistle (cirsium altissimum); treacle mustard or spreading erysimum (erysimum arvense); tumble panicgrass or witchgrass (panicum capilare); tumbleweed, tumble amaranth (amaranthus albus); water hemp (amaranthus rudis); wild four-o'clock (Mirabilis nyctaginea). (Ord. 5650)

18-303 **DECLARATION OF NOXIOUS CONDITION.**

All weeds, woody vines, brush, uncultivated plants, grasses or other vegetation which attain an excessive growth are hereby declared noxious and are subject to eradication and abatement as provided in this article. (Ord. 5650)

18-304 WEEDS TO BE REMOVED.

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or other person occupying or having charge or control of any premises to permit weeds to remain upon said premises or any area between the property lines of said premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley, including but not specifically limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, rights-of-way and all other areas, public or private. All weeds as hereinafter defined are hereby declared a nuisance and are subject to abatement as hereinafter provided.
- (B) Nothing in this article shall be construed to subject trees, shrubbery, flowers, ornamental plants and properly maintained gardens to the provisions of this Article. The City shall bear no responsibility for the cutting or abatement of trees, shrubbery, flowers, ornamental plants or other vegetation which are not reasonably distinguishable at the time of abatement from other vegetation which is to be abated due to excessive growth.

Property owners may voluntarily register their property zoned for residential (C) uses with the City of Lawrence, Codes Enforcement Division as property to be used for natural landscaping. For purposes of this Article, natural landscaping shall mean the growth of any vegetation to its natural height and form; provided such vegetation is not prohibited by the laws of the State of Kansas. Upon the receipt of a Notice of Violation pursuant to this Article, a property owner of property zoned for residential uses may claim that natural landscaping exists on the property and the property owner may seek an exemption from the provisions of this Article. The claim for exemption shall be presented to the City Codes Enforcement Division within the ten (10) day time limit of Section 18-305. The claim for an exemption shall be in writing and shall be considered by the City Commission. The claim for an exemption shall stay the enforcement of this Article until the claim has been heard and determined pursuant to this Article. No exemption shall be allowed if the vegetation growth constitutes a nuisance. No exemption shall be allowed if the public health, safety, and welfare of the community is harmed by the granting of the exemption. (Ord. 5650; Ord. 6892)

18-305 NOTICE OF VIOLATION; ORDER TO REMOVE; HEARINGS AND ABATEMENTS.

The City Manager shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this Article. The public officer or an assistant shall conduct a reasonable investigation of the property upon which vegetation of excessive growth is believed to exist. (Ord.8424)

- (A) It shall be unlawful for any owner, occupant or agent of a property to allow the excessive growth of vegetation on that property. Any violation of this section shall be a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine not less than \$25 or more than \$100; or a jail term not to exceed 180 days; or both such fine and jail term. Each day any violation of this Article continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (B) If a violation of the Article is determined to have occurred, the owner, occupant, or agent of the property shall be provided a notice of violation by personal service or by certified mail return receipt requested notice. The notice of violation shall serve as a one time yearly written notification for the property unless the record owner of title to the property changes subsequent to the sending of the notice of violation, in which case a notice of violation shall be sent to the new record owner. No further notice shall be given prior to removal of weeds or excess vegetation during the year. Failure to sign for the certified return receipt requested mail notice of violation from the City or failure to pick up the notice of violation from the post office within ten (10) days shall not constitute a lack of notice under this Article where delivery was attempted and a record of this attempt was provided as required by procedures for restricted mail.
- (C) The notice of violation required by this subsection shall include the following:
 - (1) That the property is in violation of the City weed control ordinance, describing the property and its locale and the nature of the violation.
 - (2) That the person in charge of the property shall have ten (10) days from the date of the mailing of the notice, or in cases where the owner is unknown ten (10) days after notice has been published by the City in the official City paper to either eradicate the excessive growth of vegetation or request a hearing before the Governing Body or its designated representative on the matter.
 - (3) That the notice serves as the one time yearly written notification for the property and that no further notice shall be given prior to removal of weeds or excess vegetation during the year.
 - (4) That if the owner, occupant, or agent of the property fails to correct the violation or request a hearing within ten (10) days of the mailing

- of notice, the City or its authorized agent will remove the excessive growth of vegetation by reasonable means and assess the costs of removal, including reasonable administrative costs, against such person.
- (5) That if the assessed costs of removal, including administrative costs, are not paid within thirty (30) days of the date when the assessment comes due, the costs will be added to the property tax as a special assessment.
- That if any special assessments levied by the City in accordance (6)with this Article remain unpaid for a period of one (1) year or more after their initial levy, the City may collect the amount due in the same manner as a personal debt of the property owner to the City by bringing an action in the Douglas County District Court. Such actions may be maintained, prosecuted, and all proceedings taken. including any award of post judgment interest in accordance with K.S.A. 16-204, and amendments thereto, to the same effect and extent as for the enforcement of an action for debt. All provisional remedies available in such actions shall be available to the City in the enforcement of the payment of such obligations. In such actions, the City also shall be entitled to recover interest at the rate provided in K.S.A. 79-2968, and amendments thereto, from and after the date a delinquency occurs in the payment of special assessments levied under this Article.
- (7) That violation of any provisions of this Article shall be deemed a misdemeanor and be punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100; or a jail term of not more than 180 days; or both such fine and jail term, and that each day any violation of this Article continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- (8) That the public officer should be contacted if there are any questions concerning the order.
- (D) Hearing and Abatement Procedure.
 - At the request of an owner, occupant or agent of a property that is the subject of a notice of violation, the governing body or its designated representative shall hold a hearing to determine whether a violation exists under this Article. Such hearing must be requested during the ten days subsequent to the mailing or service of the notice of violation. If, after hearing, a violation of this Article is determined to exist the governing body or its designated representative shall enter an order requiring the violation of this Article to be corrected by a specified date. In no event will this date be prior to the eleventh day subsequent to the mailing or service of the notice of violation.
 - (2) If the owner, occupant, or agent of a property that is the subject of a notice of violation fails to request a hearing or to eradicate the weeds or excessive growths of vegetation within ten days of the mailing, publication or personal service of the notice of violation, or if, following the expiration of the ten day period and during the same year, any further weeds or excessive growths of vegetation exist on the property the City may abate the condition and remove the weeds or excessive growth of vegetation by reasonable means.

18-306 ASSESSMENT OF COSTS.

(A) If weeds or the excessive growths of vegetation are abated from a property pursuant to this Article, the costs of the removal, including administrative costs, may be taxed against any owner, occupant or agent of the property who was personally served or sent a notice of violation as required by this

section. Notice of the total cost of the abatement shall be provided to such owner, occupant or agent by certified mail return receipt requested or personal service, and such notice shall provide that the abatement costs are due within 30 days of the receipt of the notice. (Ord.8424)

- (B) If the costs of the abatement are not paid within 30 days of the receipt of the notice of abatement costs, a record of all of these costs will be certified to the City Clerk and the City Clerk shall cause a special assessment to be levied for such costs against the lot or piece of land in the same manner as is provided in K.S.A. 12-1617e, and amendments thereto. In the alternative or in addition to such special assessment the City may collect the costs in the manner provided in K.S.A. 12-1,115, and amendments thereto. (Ord.8424)
- (C) If the City pursues collection both by levying a special assessment and in the manner provided in K.S.A. 12-1,115, and amendments thereto, collection may only be pursued until the full cost of the abatement, including administrative costs, and any applicable interest has been collected. (Ord.8424)

18-307 **RIGHT OF ENTRY.**

The public officer, the public officer's designees, and authorized agents of the City, are expressly authorized to enter upon private property for the purpose of investigating alleged noxious conditions or eradication of noxious conditions existing thereon in a manner not inconsistent with this Article. (Ord. 5650)

18-308 UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE.

It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with, prevent or attempt to prevent the public officer, the public officer's designees, or authorized agents of the City from investigating alleged noxious conditions or eradication of noxious conditions as defined in Section 18-303. Such interference, prevention or attempt to prevent shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable by:

- (A) A fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100; or
- (B) Imprisonment in the City jail for not more than 180 days; or
- (C) Both such fine and imprisonment not to exceed (a) and (b) above.

(Ord. 5650)



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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

May 4, 2012

Case No: 12-20000487

OWNER OF RECORD:

SINCLAIR PATRICIA E 331 JOHNSON AVE LAWRENCE, KS 66044

Re: 331 JOHNSON AVE

PARCEL: 103-06-0-10-10-003.00-0

This is to notify you that the condition on the referenced property is in violation of the City of Lawrence Weed Ordinance (City Code Section 18-301 et seq.). This ordinance prohibits any property owner from disregarding public safety by allowing grass, vines, weeds, etc. to mature to a height over 12" or otherwise constitute blight or a fire hazard to adjacent properties.

You are hereby ordered to mow and trim this area by May 17, 2012 or 10 days to request, in writing, a hearing before the Community Development Advisory Committee. In the event that you do not mow and trim this area, the City will mow and trim this area and bill you directly. The bill will include the cost of cutting/trimming, and reasonable administrative costs. If you fail to pay this assessment, it will be added to your property taxes as a special assessment.

No further notice will be given prior to the removal of weeds, grass, etc., in violation of the ordinance during the current year, 2012.

If you have any questions concerning this, please contact Inspector Dan Johnson at 785-832-3115.

Sincerely,

Brian Jimenez

Code Enforcement Manager



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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

January 30, 2012

PARCEL: 103-06-0-10-10-003.00-0

OWNER OF RECORD:

SINCLAIR, PATRICIA E

Re: 331 JOHNSON AVE Case No: 12-20000080

As owner of the premises at 331 JOHNSON AVE, you have been found by the Code Enforcement Officer to be in violation of the Lawrence City Code. This code makes it unlawful for any person to allow, on any residential, commercial or industrial premises, injurious or detrimental conditions.

Information about the violation(s) specific to your property is listed on the attached sheet.

You have until **March 01**, **2012** to correct the violation or 15 days from the date of this letter to request a hearing in writing before the Community Development Advisory Committee on this matter. Failure to correct the violation or request a hearing may result in prosecution and/or abatement of the condition(s) by the City with costs assessed to you. Each day the violation(s) remain(s) after the abatement date will constitute a separate offense.

IMPORTANT: Notices of Violation are issued so the situation will be called to the attention of the person responsible. Ordinances of the City are intended to benefit citizens and make our City a better place in which to live. Your cooperation and understanding will be sincerely appreciated.

If you have any questions concerning this, please contact the Planning and Development Services Department; Inspector Dan Johnson at 785-832-3115.

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NOTICE OF VIOLATION

January 30, 2012

PARCEL: 103-06-0-10-10-003.00-0

OWNER OF RECORD:

SINCLAIR, PATRICIA E

Re: 331 JOHNSON AVE Case No: 12-20000079

As owner of the premises at 331 JOHNSON AVE, you have been found by the Code Enforcement Officer to be in violation of the Lawrence City Code. This code makes it unlawful for any person to allow, on any residential, commercial or industrial premises, injurious or detrimental conditions.

Information about the violation(s) specific to your property is listed on the attached sheet.

You have until **February 16, 2012** to correct the violation or 15 days from the date of this letter to request a hearing in writing before the Community Development Advisory Committee on this matter. Failure to correct the violation or request a hearing may result in prosecution and/or abatement of the condition(s) by the City with costs assessed to you. Each day the violation(s) remain(s) after the abatement date will constitute a separate offense.

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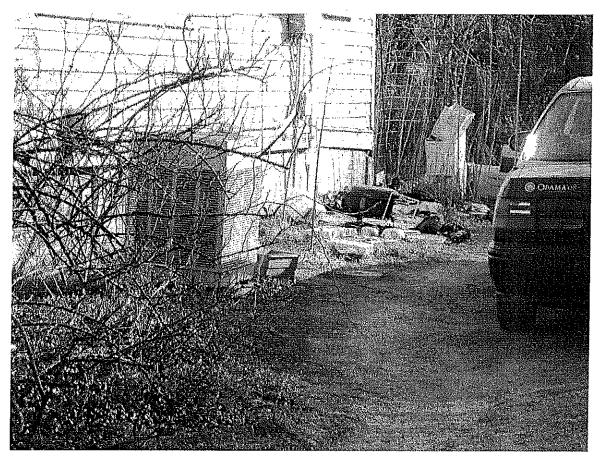
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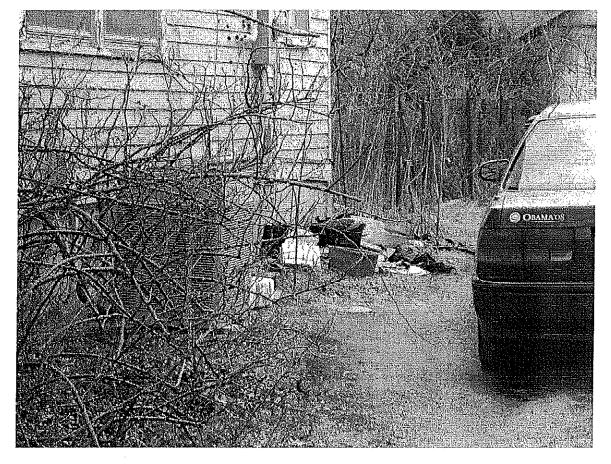








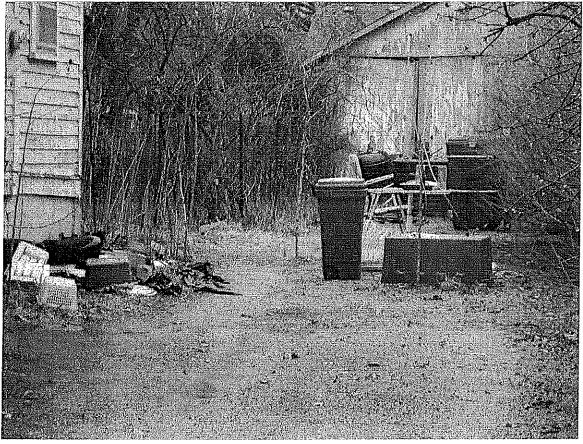










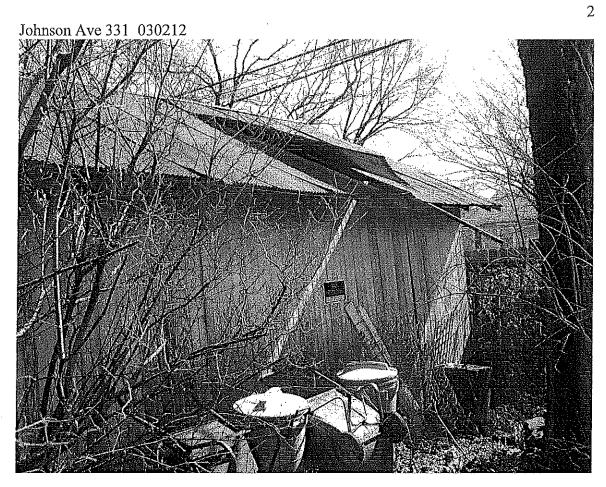


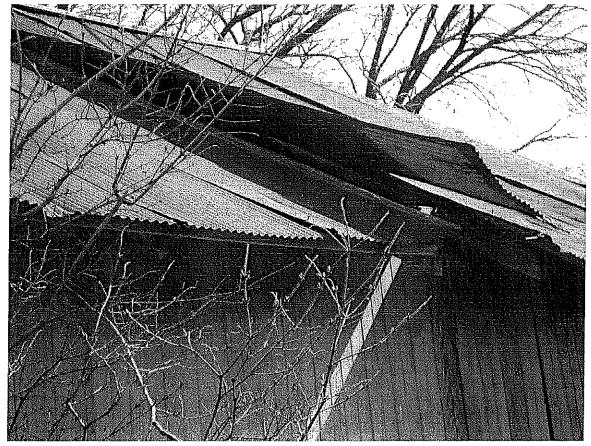
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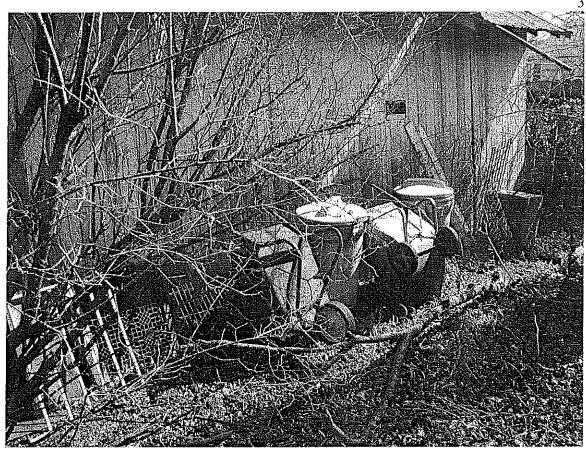
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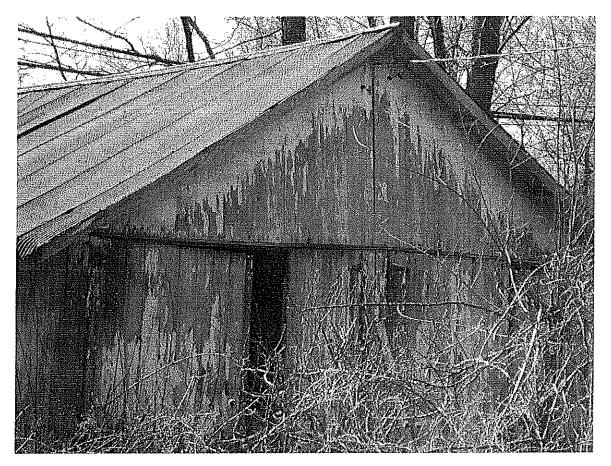
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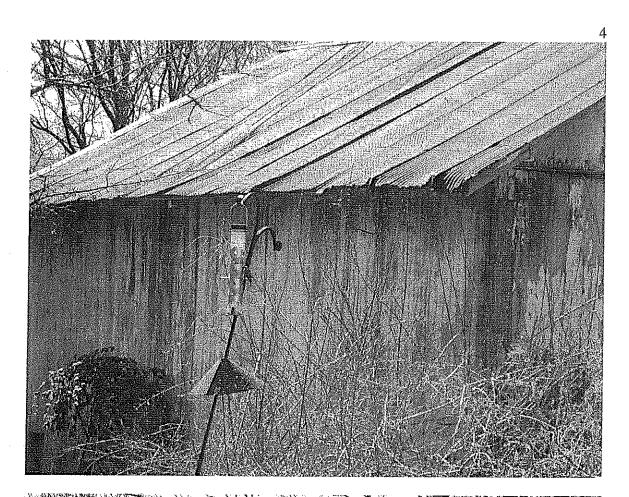














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CASE DATA: Certified Number

NOTICE NAMES: SINCLAIR PATRICIA E

OWNER

HISTORY: SCHEDULED 4/13/10 INITIAL INSPECTION

COMPLETED 4/13/10

RQST TEXT: Due to the ongoing issue with Pat Sinclair's property and code violations, she continues to state that there are violations on other properties in the 300 block of Johnson Ave. After appealing to the City Commission, I have been requested to inspect this entire block. I have today walked the entire block and documented with pictures.

I am only opening a case for her address to document the inspection conducted today.

RSIF TEXT: there are violations on the porch, also at some point in the future the garage will need paint. ACTION STATUS RESULTED Julie Wyatt INSPECTOR 4/16/10 4/16/10 4/16/10 4/16/10 4/16/10 4/16/10 8/20/12 8/20/12 4/16/10 4/16/10

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From: Sent:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Thursday, August 16, 2012 10:42 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#230]

Property

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

Front porch is STILL covered in trash & plastic containers & boxes & furniture & no trespassing signs & baby gates. Porch is so full of junk it is weighing down the front porch which will soon fall off of the home. There are no safety railings on the porch. When the wind blows her trash and empty boxes fly freely into other properties. Property looks abandoned. I am planning to sell my home in the coming months and have been told my my Realtor that no one wants to live near that crumbling home piled high with junk, and having the pile of trash on the block will affect the value of my home as well as the ability for me to sell my house! Do not let this monster at 331 Johnson Avenue dictate to you what the rules are.

Name * neighbor neighbor

E-mail * neighbor@johnsonavenue.com

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Wednesday, August 08, 2012 11:04 AM

Sent: To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#222]

Date of

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

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Property

Address 331

331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

Front porch is covered in trash. She has the front entrance to her home completely blocked. Instead of cleaning up her mess, she is out (AGAIN) today strolling up and down our street taking pictures of our houses. She spends hours every day harassing and ruining the lives of her neighbors instead of simply cleaning up her property. The people on our street would like for the City to have the courts tell her to stop taking pictures of our homes. If a court order is granted, please send notice to all of the residents of Johnson Avenue so that we can report it appropriately. Our homes, our property, or lives have NOTHING to do with her front porch. The state of her property is ruining the look and feel of our street. This has been going on ever since I moved to this street. The stress of this situation is unbearable to all of the neighbors. We want her told not to photograph our homes, and we want the porch cleaned up immediately so th at this will end.

Name * Johnson Avenue Property Owner

E-mail * johnsonavenueresident@lawrence.com

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Friday, August 03, 2012 7:02 PM

Sent:

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 JOHNSON AVE | Code Violation Form [#214]

Date of violation

Friday, August 3, 2012

Property Address

331 JOHNSON AVE LAWRENCE, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

FRONT PORCH COVERED WITH TRASH & JUNK, HOME LOOKS TO BE

ABANDONED.

Name *

Ms. XYZ

E-mail *

From: Sent: City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Wednesday, August 01, 2012 12:46 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#205]

Date of

Wednesday, August 1, 2012

violation

Property

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

It is time for the City to force her to clean up her porch! I thought you had rules? I thought you had enforcement? I thought she was found guilty? I thought she was told to clean up her porch? Do rules and court orders not apply to Patricia Sinclair? Is 331 Johnson Avenue immune from the City ordinances? Where is the fire code enforcement? Do you not understand that she is a hoarder and if her house caught on fire it would endanger all of our street? Why is she allowed not to have a front door? A mailbox? What good is a City appeal process that takes 3 years? I thought there was a court case pending - why is she allowed to harass her neighbors in the mean time? Why won't the City do anything to protect the neighbors from constant harassment? This must end! She is terrorizing our neighborhood because the City has dragged this case out for YEARS! She is patrolling up and down our street taking pictures of US and our proper ties instead of cleaning up her own filth!!! The junk on her porch has been there for at least 8 years - the City has known about it the entire time. It is PAST TIME for action on the Citys part!!!! She is ruining the lives of neighbors on our street with her actions - accusing everyone else of "turning her into the City" and trying to ruin our lives! All we want is to have the PORCH CLEANED UP!!!!! WHY HAS THE CITY NOT GOTTEN THE NEIGHBORS PROTECTION FROM HER HARASSMENT WHILE THE COURT CASES ARE PENDING?????? PLEASE I AM BEGGING YOU TO HAVE YOUR LAWYERS DO SOMETHING TO MAKE HER HARASSMENT STOP! WE CANNOT TAKE HER PICTURE TAKING AND HER COP CALLING AND HER YELLING AT US. - WE CANNOT TAKE IT ANY LONGER IT HAS REACHED THE BOILING POINT!

Name * NO NO

E-mail * 331JOHNSONAVENUE@CLEANITUP.COM

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, July 31, 2012 10:32 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Avenue | Code Violation Form [#202]

Date of violation

Tuesday, July 31, 2012

Property Address

331 Johnson Avenue Lawrence, Kansas 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

FRONT PORCH COVERED IN TRASH AND JUNK. HOMEOWNER IS A HOARDER. DANGEROUS AMOUNT OF JUNK BEING CARRIED INSIDE THE HOME DAILY, HOME HAS BECOME A SPECTACLE FOR PASSERS BY AND WE WANT IT CLEANED UP ONCE AND FOR ALL.

Name *

private private

E-mail *

private@sunflower.com

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Sunday, April 22, 2012 2:51 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Avenue | Code Violation Form [#97]

Date of violation

Sunday, April 22, 2012

Property Address

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331 Johnson Avenue Lawrence, Kansas 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

Front Porch has piles upon piles of plastic containers (most of them empty), trash, furniture, etc. Home looks abandoned. Porch looks like it is getting ready to fall off of the house. Garage is about ready to fall over. Side yard also full of blowing trash and empty plastic containers. Weeds all over the property. People walking by this home stare at it in disbelief. It is an embarrassment to our wonderful neighborhood. Home Owner is blaming neighbors for her situation instead of just cleaning it up. We are upset the City has not fulfilled its promise to clean up the property.

Name *

neighbor neighbor

E-mail *

23@lawrence.com

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Thursday, April 19, 2012 3:13 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 JOHNSON AVE | Code Violation Form [#95]

Date of violation

Thursday, April 19, 2012

Property Address

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331 JOHNSON AVE Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

Porch & Yard is full of trash and garbage, has been for years. I have reported this many

times in the past. Awaiting response from City!!!!!

Name *

unknown unknown

E-mail *

unknown@unknown.com

From: Sent:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Wednesday, April 18, 2012 9:32 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Avenue | Code Violation Form [#93]

Date of

Wednesday, April 18, 2012

violation

Property

Address 331 Johnson Avenue

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

The woman that lives at this house lives in total filth, the porch is covered with trash and has been for the last DECADE. She is in total defiance of laws and codes yet focuses every second of every day pointing out things her neighbors are doing wrong. She is harassing ALL the people on our street because of her anger at the situation with the City. No one can speak on the record to the City about this because she will go after our jobs and our families. We are tired of this and want her to either clean up her home or be thrown off the property so we can all move on with our lives. City needs to put this one to rest before the entire neighborhood is purged. I know at least 4 families on the street desperately trying to move off our wonderful street BECAUSE OF THE WOMAN WHO LIVES AT 331 JOHNSON AVENUE but cannot do so because of the economy. I saw a city vehicle come by to take pictures several days last month, but that has stopped. P lease do not stop your efforts!

Name *

cleanup331johnsonavenue@now.com

From: Sent: City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Tuesday, April 17, 2012 7:21 PM

CodeEnforcement

To: Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#92]

Date of violation

Tuesday, April 17, 2012

Time of violation

7:00:00 PM

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave

66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint *

A neighbors backyard at 331 Johnson Ave is a mess. She is still piling things up on her front porch. I have a camera that I installed and watched Pat throw weeds that she is pulling from her yard into my yard at 333 Johnson Ave. I know it sounds petty, but she knows that I spend a lot of time on my yard weeding and other things. Everyday after work I tend to my front yard and everyday I find weeds in my yard. This is just for documentation.

Name *

E-mail *



From: Sent:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Thursday, February 23, 2012 6:41 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Avenue | Code Violation Form [#40]

Date of violation

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Time of violation

7:00:00 AM

Property Address

331 Johnson Avenue Lawrence, KS 66044 United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Property owner's porch is a mess. She keeps adding more and more items

From: Sent:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Thursday, February 09, 2012 7:43 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#24]

Date of violation

Thursday, February 9, 2012

Time of violation

7:00:00 AM

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, Kansas 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Homeowner is piling more items on her front porch

From: Sent:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Friday, February 03, 2012 10:11 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#20]

Date of violation

Friday, February 3, 2012

Time of violation

10:00:00 AM

Property Address

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331 Johnson Ave Lawrence, KS 66044 United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Property is a disgrace. Stuff stored all over the place on her porch, blocking entrance to the house. I don't even know how property owner gets into the house. And just recently, even MORE bins and storage materials were moved onto the porch. Please help.

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Friday, February 03, 2012 9:29 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#19]

Date of

Friday, February 3, 2012

violation

Property

Address

331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Porch is full of junk, Yard is full of trash. Pat Sinclair will NOT clean it up. Several days ago she spent the day taking pictures of the neighbors homes. Homeowner spent the day yesterday piling additional stacks of "empty" plastic bins on her porch. Oh, and before that she was prowling around one of our poor neighbors homes who is trying to do some remodeling to her house. I imagine Pat will end up scaring the workman away, or calling the police on them for something. She needs to focus on her own house, her own problems. By the way, it is not ok that she does not have a front entrance to her home. A police officer told us she does not have a back entrance either, that she has to climb through a wall of boxes to even enter her home. Is this not a fire hazard? I watch hoarders ever week, and every single show has an intervention from the city. This home owner is a hoarder and needs an intervention from the city and adult protective services. Someone needs to enter the home to see if it is fit for human occupancy. Please do what you can to help! I wish I could identify myself but since Pat threatens those who cross her (and follows through with the threats) I can't.

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Thursday, February 02, 2012 7:46 AM

Sent: To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#18]

Date of

Thursday, February 2, 2012

violation

Property

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Neighbors are tired of waiting for years for this woman to clean up her porch and yard. She continues to photograph & video tape the yards and guests of her neighbors? Her home looks abandoned, we are all concerned about the inside as well. We all know what happens when a hoarder house catches fire. Is there a way for the city to inspect the inside of her home? She smells like feces, we don't even know if she has working facilities inside. We were under the impression that at the very least, the porch was to be abated a few months ago. Please don't forget about Johnson Avenue, we have to deal with this issue every day until you finally get it taken care of. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Wednesday, February 01, 2012 12:48 PM

Sent: To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#17]

Date of violation

Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Homeowner's porch/yard/driveway/home is full of trash. She is out picture taking again of the homes on our street. She is doing the picture taking "for her case". The picture taking is offensive and is enraging the neighbors on our street. HER "CASE" HAS BEEN GOING ON FOR YEARS AND WE WANT THIS TO BE OVER!!! Please will you put an end to this? I thought the City Commission voted to abate her property over a year ago if she did not clean it up. Its beyond time to abate this property once and for all!!!!!

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Monday, January 16, 2012 3:06 PM

Sent: To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#6]

Date of violation

Monday, January 16, 2012

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave Lawrence, KS 66044 United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

FRONT PORCH & YARD ARE FULL OF TRASH. LADY REFUSES TO CLEAN IT UP AND NEIGHBORS ARE TIRED OF WAITING, HOUSE MAKES STREET LOOK TRASHY. HOUSE LOOKS ABANDONED, NO FRONT ENTRANCE TO HOME. SHE IS A HOARDER, INSIDE OF HOUSE NEEDS CITY INSPECTION. WORRIED ABOUT FIRE TO NEIGHBORING HOMES IF HERS EVER CAUGHT FIRE.

From: Sent:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com] Monday, January 09, 2012 2:34 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#4]

Date of violation

Monday, January 9, 2012

Time of violation

2:30:00 PM

Property Address

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331 Johnson Ave Lawrence, KS 66044 United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Ongoing problem with neighbor who refuses to clean up her porch, driveway, etc. She is making people leave the neighborhood, and is the bully of the street. She needs to be stopped. Please help!

From:

City of Lawrence [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, December 20, 2011 12:58 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

331 Johnson Ave | Code Violation Form [#503]

Date of

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

violation

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Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Property condition (front porch/yard/driveway) is ruining the look and feel of our entire street. Trash everywhere, front door is barricaded. Property looks abandoned. Property owner is a hoarder and climbs through stack of boxes on the side of her house to enter her home. This is unsafe, unsightly, and against city code. Filled out this form multiple times for several years. STILL awaiting action from the city. I am not the only one awaiting action on this property address. Everyone on our street is chomping at the bit to get this taken care of once and for all. Please take this matter back to the city commission for immediate abatement, as we were promised many moons ago.

From:

Wufoo [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Tuesday, December 06, 2011 8:49 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#496]

Date of

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

violation

Property

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Address 331 Johnson Avenue

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

I was told that this home owner had until Midnight on December 4th to FINALLY clean up her yard and front porch or else she was going to jail. She did nothing to clean it up (surprise, surprise). I was also told that she had court yesterday to be sentenced for her crime but we were taking shifts watching her home and she never even left the house. Another delay????? What is going on???? This is INSANE. She is making a mockery of the City Code Enforcement. I filled out this form not too long ago stating that she was never going to clean up her property. Why can't the City do it for her??? Counties all over the country would not have let this go on for more than a couple of weeks and here we are YEARS later??? You must clean her porch and yard up for her, then charge her for it that is the ONLY way to end this standoff. Two of our fine neighbors risked her backlash against their livelihoods by testifying against her in court, and how I hear she has the right to appeal. What you people do not understand is that she is MENTALLY ILL. This issue has caused her to ruin the personal lives of several people on our street. After years of waiting we were told this was finally over as of 12/5/2011. Our entire street was under the impression this was finally over. She is not mentally capable to clean up her property and she is not mentally capable stand trial, why did you not tell this to the judge??? You people have no idea the anguish this is causing the fine people & families on our street. Instead of cleaning up her own property she is patrolling down our street photographing our homes - and our children have to witness the nasty side of life as we try not to overreact to the anger we feel towards this woman. I do not understand why you are letting this go on another day we want this issue OVER WITH NOW! SEND HER TO JAIL FOR HER CRIME & CLEAN UP HER PROPERTY SO THAT WE CAN ALL MOVE ON WITH OUR EIVES

What Supposedly the courts told her she had until midnight on Sunday to clean up her property and she did not do it.

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taken?

From:

Sent:

Wufoo [no-reply@wufoo.com] Sunday, December 04, 2011 9:34 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#494]

Date of violation

Sunday, December 4, 2011

Time of violation

9:30:00 AM

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

The porch of this house continues to be a disgrace to the neighborhood.

The driveway is littered with items.

From:

Wufoo [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Wednesday, November 30, 2011 11:00 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#491]

Date of

Wednesday, November 30, 2011

violation

Property

Address

331 Johnson Avenue

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Homeowner has been told by the city to clean up her porch and yard but instead of doing so, she is easing the neighborhood taking photographs of other houses (even those in pristine condition). This is extremely upsetting to us neighbors, we don't understand why the city refuses to abate her property. We have been waiting for action for years. She is a hoarder, her home/yard/garage/car is PACKED FULL of junk and no one will do anything about it. This is a fire hazard to both her and the surrounding properties. I regret that I cannot fill out the bottom of the form with my personal information because she has succeeded in bullying many past and present neighbors who stand up to her, as well as attempting to run one of my neighbors over with her car. This woman is dangerous and must be stopped. We look to the city for help, guidance, and action - there is no where else to go! Please forward this request on to other city agencies as you see fit.

From:

Wufoo [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Sunday, November 27, 2011 4:13 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#489]

Date of

Sunday, November 27, 2011

violation

Property

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Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence 66044 United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

The property owners porch is covered in junk. Please take care of thiis mess once and for all. We the neighbors are tired of the waiting, tired of her bullying everybody because she is being told to clean her porch. She won't clean it up, the city must do it for her. I have put up with her house ruining the harmony of our street for years. Its time for action, no more waiting for her to do it anymore. She had the nerve to take photos of our homes Thanksgiving morning, to use in "her case" I assume. She has no case! If the City would have taken care of this years ago none of this madness would be going on now. We do not understand the years of delays, this is past the point of insanity.

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Nothing at all

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taken?

From:

Wufoo [no-reply@wufoo.com]

Sent:

Saturday, November 26, 2011 2:23 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#488]

Date of

Saturday, November 26, 2011

violation

Property

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Address 331 Johnson Avenue

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

THIS HOMEOWNER IS RUINING OUR STREET!! I JUST HEARD SHE WAS FILMING MY PROPERTY ON THANKSGIVING MORNINGHUL THERE IS NOTHING ON MY PORCH BUT A FREAKING PORCH SWING AND SHE IS FILMING MY PROPERTYH! SHE WAS GIVEN 30 DAYS TO SIMPLY REMOVE THE JUNK & TRASH ON HER FRONT PORCH HOWEVER, INSTEAD OF CLEANING UP HER PORCH SHE IS BACK TO HER PICTURE TAKING OF THE NEIGHBORS PROPERTIES, WHY WAS SHE GIVEN ANOTHER 30 DAYS? DID SOMEONE THINK SHE WOULD ACTUALLY CLEAN IT UP? YOU MUST ABATE HER PROPERTY NOW SO THAT THIS WHOLE SITUATION CAN END!!! SHE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO RUIN AN ENTIRE STREET WITH HER ANTICS SIMPLY BECAUSE THE CITY WILL NOT ENFORCE THE CODE!! I KNOW WHAT SHE IS DOING, SHE IS PREPARING ANOTHER APPEAL BUT THE CITY MUST ACT AND NOT ALLOW ANOTHER SINGLE DELAY!!! WE ARE PAST THE BOILING POINT, THE SITUATION ON THIS STREET IS DIRE AND DANGEROUS. HER HOME IS A FIRE HAZARD WAITING TO HAPPEN, WHY HAS THERE NOT BEEN AN ABATEMENT? AN IN -HOME INSPECTION? DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND, YOU MUST ABATE HER PROPERTY FOR THIS TO END. THE CITY MUST STAND UP TO THIS BULLY AND STOP LETTING HER CALL THE SHOTS!!! IT HAS BEEN OVER TWO YEARS SINCE I FIRST FILLED OUT THIS FORM ON THIS WEBSITE, TWO YEARS OF HELL FOR MYSELF AND ALL THE SURROUNDING NEIGHBORS, HELP US, HELP JOHNSON AVENUEL YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT IS AT STAKE HERE. SHE IS INSANE & DANGEROUS AND HER PROPERTY IS RUINING THE VALUE OF ALL OF OUR HOMES, AND HER BULLING BECAUSE OF THE PORCH SITUATION IS WRECKING THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR EVERYONE THAT LIVES HERE: PLEASE WILL YOU PUT THIS SITUATION TO AN END??? ALL WE WANT IS FOR THE CITY TO ENFORCE ITS OWN LAWS!!! HER PROPERTY WAS SUPPOSED TO BE ABATED YEARS AGO, WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU WAITING FOR? SHE WILL NEVER, EVER, EVER, EVER, EVER CLEAN IT UP - YOU MUST TAKE ACTION SO THIS WHOLE INSANE MATTER CAN FINALLY END! I WISH I COULD PUT MY NAME ON THE FORM BELOW FOR YOU TO CONTACT, BUT SHE WILL RUIN MY LIFE LIKE SHE HAS DONE TO OTHERS IF SHE FINDS OUT I AM COMPLAINING ABOUT HER!

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Dan Johnson

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, May 25, 2011 10:27 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#328]

Date of violation

Wednesday, May 25, 2011

Time of violation

10:00:00 AM

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Ongoing messy neighbor, with detritus all over porch, no trespassing

signs, and generally badly kept property.

What action has been taken?

Ongoing court case, perhaps almost 2 years now!

Dan Johnson

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com> Tuesday, May 17, 2011 6:32 PM

Sent: To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#317]

Property I

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Patricia Sinclair's porch, yard and home is so full of trash and junk it is ruining the look and feel of our block. The guardrails on her porch finally gave way, her porch is held up by a sawhorse. She has boxes blocking her front door and the mailman does not even know where to put her mail. She has been seen "stuffing things through basement windows and pushing them in with a pitchfork". This is a serious matter and we feel like the city is treating the case differently because they are scared of her. Guess what, so are we but we are doing everything in our power to get this taken care of & have been waiting WAY TOO LONG FOR ABATEMENT. One of our poor neighbors is trying to sell his house and is worried her home will scare away potential buyers. He also is worried it will bring down the value of his home. We are sick and tired of waiting for action, last I heard she was found in violation and you all were waiting to abate her propert y. That was LAST SUMMER.

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 4:20 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#315]

Date of Tuesday, May 17, 2011

violation

Property

Address 331 Johnson Avenue

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Porch is covered with trash and junk. Sideyard (visible from street) full of trash and junk. According to the city code I read on your website, she is in direct violation. Homeowner should not be allowed to be exempt from the code. Porch was turned into the city as a violation over two years ago with no action by homeowner or city. Home appears abandoned, No entrance to home is available, no mailbox either. If you are unwilling or unable to prosecute this case you should remove the code from your website and not pretend you are enforcing it because you are not. Thank you for your assistance. PS if there is an update to this case please consider a mailing to the residents on this street so that we know action is underway.

What action city has been contacted by myself and other neighbors over and over for the last two years if not longer about the condition of the home, yard, and porch.

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Julie Wyatt

From:

Sent:

Wufoo [no-reply@wufoo.com] Tuesday, October 26, 2010 10:54 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#311]

Date of violation

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Time of violation

10;49:00 AM

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Miscellaneous items all over front porch, front door inaccessible, no trespassing signs all

over, and generally blighted property.

What action has been taken?

Code violations in the past seem to have been fixed but only temporarily.

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Wednesday, April 20, 2011 3:15 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#266]

Date of Wednesday, April 20, 2011

violation

Property [

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

If neighborhood talk is true, we are coming up on TWO YEARS since this property address was notified by the city to clean up her porch or face the "consequences". When will the city follow it's own policy, and abate the property? You may have forgotten about this violation but I assure you those of us on this street have not. Everyone is sick and tired of waiting for action. This property is attracting attention and ruining our property values. Not to mention your lack of action has resulted in years of conflict and unrest on an otherwise peaceful street. This property owner blames everyone on the street for her "ongoing battle with the city", and picks fights with all of her neighbors over it. Thank you in advance for putting this issue back on the front burner, we have waited patiently and deserve resolution to this matter AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, January 27, 2011 3:26 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#163]

Date of

Thursday, January 27, 2011

violation

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Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

I HAVE REPORTED THIS PROPERTY BEFORE TO THE CITY AND NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE BY THE CITY OR BY THE PROPERTY OWNER TO CLEAN UP HER MESS. PLEASE CITY, WILL YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS HOME AND THE BLIGHT IT IS

CAUSING FOR OUR STREET? THE FRONT PORCH IS COVERED IN TRASH, BLANKETS, AND HEAVY INSIDE FURNITURE AND IS
SO BURDENED WITH WEIGHT IT WILL SOON FALL OFF OF THE HOUSE COMPLETELY. HER SIDE YARD IS ALSO FULL OF TRASH.
WE THE NEIGHBORS ARE ALL SO SICK AND TIRED OF WAITING FOR THE CITY TO ACT ON THIS PROPERTY. SINCE THE
HOMEOWNER IS NOT CAPABLE OF CLEANING UP HER MESS, SHE ONLY WISHES TO ADD TO IT – WILL YOU HELP US AND
CLEAN IT UP FOR HER ONCE AND FOR ALL??????? PS SHE IS A HOARDER AND LORD HELP THE NEIGHBORS NEXT DOOR TO
HER IF THERE IS EVER A FIRE. HER HOME IS OBVIOUSLY TOO FULL TO HOUSE THE ITEMS ON HER PORCH. I CAN ONLY
IMAGINE THE COMBUSTIBLES INSIDE HER HOME. SHE HAS NO FRONT ENTRANCE TO HER HOME AND I THOUGHT THAT WAS
ILLEGAL AS WELL. WE WOULD LIKE FOR THE CITY TO INSPECT THE INSIDE OF HER HOME TO SEE IF IT IS AS MUCH OF A FIRE
HAZARD AS WE FEAR. PLEASE WILL YOU STOP IGNORING THIS ISSUE, WHAT IS CAUSING YEARS OF DELAY?

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, January 18, 2011 10:30 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#54]

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

violation

Property

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

I was hoping there would be a place on here to attach pictures but there is not. All you have to do is drive by and you will know exactly what is wrong with this property. Porch is stacked sky high with trash and household items. The railing finally gave way from the front porch, front door is blocked. Trash on porch is covered with tarps, blankets and what appears to be weed cloth. Days that our regular mailman does not come - they don't even know where to put her mail, she has no mailbox. Trash/junk/plastic in driveway. I heard the city was going to abate the property a long time ago if she did not clean up her property. Perhaps you have different people in charge of these cases or something, and that is why there has been no action, please look up the records on 331 Johnson Avenue (or just drive by!!) please don't let this issue drop. My property value is suffering, her home appears to have been abandoned. If it were not for the car in the driveway it really looks like the home has been abandoned. I don't understand why the city stopped pursuing her. Please move forward with this case, thank you . I regret that I am unable to fill in my contact information because we (neighbors) are all scared to death of this homeowner (on a side note this homeowner has serious mental health problems that have been reported to all the appropriate agencies but no one is addressing). Please know that even though I wish to remain anonymous, I do live on this street in which she resides. Please do not let this complaint fall through the cracks, please do not ignore this issue. a moment longer. I recommend updating all of the residents on this street exactly when this property will be abated - as stated in your own code as the resolution.

What

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From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, January 06, 2011 5:45 PM

Subject:

Report a Violation [#2]

Date of

Thursday, January 6, 2011

violation

Property

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

I am just making sure the City is aware that this property has NOT been cleaned up. I heard from one of my neighbors that she was ordered to clean up her property over a year ago, no one understands what is happening. Trash, boxes, indoor furniture, & plastic containers are piled all the way to the top of her front porch. Due to the tumbling trash, the front railing has now fallen completely off of her porch. She adds items to her porch daily. I had friends visit over the Holidays and they asked me "if her house was abandoned". I do not feel safe living on a street where there is a home in the state of abandonment. At least 4 neighbors are planning to move away from our street in the coming months because of this homeowner. She does not have a front entrance to her home. Her porch is close to separating from the house. The state of her home is lowering the value of the surrounding homes. Instead of cleaning up her mess she spends her days adding more items to the porch (or rearranging existing items) and videotaping our homes. She has so many items inside her home she has to stuff them through the side windows in order to get more things into her home. The surrounding properties are living on borrowed time if heaven forbid a fire were to break out inside her home. Can an emergency visit by the fire marshal be arranged? Can an emergency abatement order be issued by the city? Is there anything that can be done immediately? Those of us on this street are living in Hell, our patience has run out.

What

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From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, December 06, 2010 1:15 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#325]

Date of

Monday, December 6, 2010

violation

Property 🗔

Address 331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

This property is an eyesore, the porch is covered in trash and boxes. Daily she brings home items every day in her car to pile &/or rearrange on her porch. Last weekend she was stuffing boxes into a window of her home on the side of her house, forcing them into the window by pushing them hard with a broomstick. This could only mean one thing – that her house is so full of items that she can't even get them in through the door (does she have a door?). What does this mean for fire code? If her property ever caught fire the rest of the homes on our block are all at risk. On Saturday morning the support railing that goes across the front of her house (the railing across her porch, waist high) was laying on the ground, so boxes tumbled off the porch and were blowing down the street. She came out later in the day and lifted it up and set it back where it was but it is NOT attached. Her front porch is being held up by a pair of saw horses, on e of these days the front porch is going to completely fall off of the house.

What action has been taken?

It is my understand there have been ongoing efforts by the city and perhaps the courts to have force her to clean it up but wanted you to know that not a single thing has been done by the occupant. As mentioned above, based on the fact that she is now "stuffing things into windows and pushing them in with a broomstick" I am now extremely worried about fire hazard. The inside of her home needs to be inspected. It's not just an eyesore issue anymore, her home is putting the neighbors surrounding her property at risk. I apologize for not filling out the info below, I wish this report to remain anonymous. The occupant of 331 Johnson Avenue is known for horrible acts towards people who cross her, I do not want to be on her list.

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, November 23, 2010 10:07 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#321]

Date of violation

Tuesday, November 23, 2010

Time of violation

10:00:00 AM

Property Address

331 Johnson Ave

Lawrence, KS 66044

United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Ongoing nuisance of messes on porch, messes in front yard, boxes piled

up.

The owner has had repeated yard sales, but the mess continues unabated,

in fact it seems to be getting worse.

What action has been taken?

Code violations in the past do not seem to deter owner.

From: Sent: Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com> Tuesday, October 26, 2010 10:54 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#311]

Date of violation

Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Time of violation

10:49:00 AM

Property Address

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331 Johnson Ave Lawrence, KS 66044 United States

Please provide a description of your

complaint

Miscellaneous items all over front porch, front door inaccessible, no trespassing

signs all over, and generally blighted property.

What action has been taken?

Code violations in the past seem to have been fixed but only temporarily.

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Tuesday, July 20, 2010 8:23 PM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#214]

Date of violation

Tuesday, July 20, 2010

Time of violation

6:00:00 AM

Property Address

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331 Johnson Avenue Lawrence Kansas United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Resident at 331 Johnson Avenue has been in violation of Lawrence City Code Section 9-601 (a) and (c) since April 6, 2010. The City Commission adopted Resolution No. 6880, and found that the resident was in violation of city code. The City Commission directed staff to not proceed with enforcement action for 60 days and to bring an update to the Commission to proceed.

What action has been taken?

No action has been taken due to a notice of appeal to the district court. In the mean time, resident has cotinued to add other items to their porch and is a blight to the neighborhood.

Another issue is that the notice of appeal does not reflect any acknowledgement received by the district court.

From:

Wufoo <no-reply@wufoo.com>

Sent:

Monday, November 09, 2009 7:23 AM

To:

CodeEnforcement

Subject:

Report a Violation [#75]

Property

Address

331 Johnson Avenue

Lawrence, KS 66044 United States

Please provide a description of your complaint

Ever since several neighbors made an initial complaint about Patricia Sinclair's junk piled to the ceiling on her front porch (sometime just prior to July 4th we believe) not only has the problem become worse - but she has used this complaint to retaliate against most of the neighbors on this street as well as others on neighboring streets that had NOTHING to do with the complaints. This small paragraph does not even come CLOSE to explaining to you what our street has been through over the years and especially this past dreadful summer since some on our street "dared to file a report against the habitual report-filer". Daily, she roams our street taking pictures of our homes & yards while we are at work (trespassing on our property to photograph it, even though she has "NO TRESPASSING" signs all over her yard). One neighbor on our street finally installed a very expensive multi-camera security system to try and keep Pat off of her prop erty. At least once a week she calls the Police on somebody on the street for something (there was one week over the summer that we counted at least 6 police visits due to her complaints) - everything from someone parked more than a foot away from the curb, to a trailer parked in the street, noise complaint after noise complaint (one noise complaint she made was on a family get-together) – she was witnessed on the phone stating to the police "I can hear them from my porch!!"???, people parked in the middle of their OWN driveways, uhauls when neighbors are moving in & out of residences, etc etc. All of the neighborhood children are scared to death of her - all she does is stand on her front steps - shout, point, & stare. You respond? She calls the cops. The kids have been subjected to more police visits on this street this SUMMER that most people see in an entire lifetime. Several of them have had their pets taken away, ruined holidays from her complaints, etc. She has called Animal Patrol over and over on neighborhood pets - recently she captured one neighbor's cat in a trap & instead of returning it to the owner, she called the POLICE who took it to the Humane Society where the cat fell ill from contact with other ill cats. She has contacted the city over & over & over again with petty complaints on the neighbors that she suspects called the city on her - even filed a restraining order against one neighbor who could not handle the constant harassment & picture taking from her. All he did was take pictures of her & her porch (so she would know how it feels) then tell her to stop harassing him & mind her own business. Boom - restraining order. She wears a tape recorder around her neck & shouts hateful things at us and then presses "record" to get our response on tape — which she plays for the police. She called the police on one of our neighbors for a VERY petty noise complaint & then proceeded to attend & spe ak at his hearing to make sure he was prosecuted??? Several neighbors could not take the drama from Pat anymore and have since moved away - many of us on the street would do the same if we were only able to sell our homes. She complains to the city about her neighbors' vehicles, landscaping, trailers, outdoor lights, air-conditioners, TREE TRIMMING, driveways, property easements, you name it. Every time any of us on this street have dealt with the city, with the police, etc. the official ALWAYS tells us that "they know she has mental problems" and almost always apologize for bothering us with her complaint. More than one officer has told us that they are unable to gain access to her residence – because all windows and doors are barricaded by boxes. She lives in filth. They have told us "they have no idea how she gets in and out of her house other than to crawl through a small hole in the boxes". This is a woman with

obvious mental health problems - but all off icials continue to cater to her complaints. This summer of harassment from her has been the direct result from the simple request to the City - for her to please clean up her porch. We want the City to know what is going on here and we somehow need her retaliation to stop. We (Patricia Sinclairs neighbors) beg you to do something about her abusing the city/State/local resources and our tax dollars simply for harassment and retaliation purposes. If this is a direct result from her mental illness - please we beg you to do something about this. Please, do your own investigation - pull the records. How many times has she called the city? The police? Animal Control? Come talk to every single house on this street and you will hear crazy stories going back years about Pat Sinclair harassing her neighbors & abusing the system. We do not dare sign this code violation for fear of even MORE retaliation from a very unstable, frightening, angry woman. She loves to play the victim - "all the neighbors are out to get her" she claims??? But it is WE who fear what is she planning now? Which neighbor is on this lone wolfs' target list today? Will this ever end? She lives in a wonderful neighborhood and is obviously not capable of being a neighbor. ;-(

What ;-(See above action has been taken?

Julie Wyatt

From:

Brian Jimenez

Sent:

Tuesday, September 01, 2009 11:31 AM

To:

Julie Wyatt

Subject:

anonymous complaints

1728 Barker – problem house for quite some time, did a drive by and it's a mess 331 Johnson – did not say what was specifically was the problem

Both came in via voice mail. Please call tim houser and see if he will agree to set up a time we can meet him at the property.



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