

May 11, 2013

Dear Mayor and Commissioners,

On March 26, 2013 the City Commission received a staff report regarding a proposed rental registration and inspection program that would expand the existing single family rental registration and inspection program to include multifamily rental units.

That night, the Commission voted unanimously to have staff come back with an updated report on this issue. The Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods (LAN) wishes to reiterate our continuing support for the development and implementation of a city-wide rental registration and inspection program.

LAN is aware that recent city elections have delayed action on many important items. It is our hope that the city-wide rental registration and inspection program will be a top priority for the new commission and will be quickly placed on the City Commission agenda.

We believe this program is necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of renters throughout Lawrence, and to preserve the value and integrity of all our neighborhoods.

We support annual fees and registration, and the creation of a city-run inspection program. We believe these are required to ensure consistency and efficiency. Given the study and effort put into this project, LAN is confident that this commission will finally implement this important program.

We appreciate your consideration, and respectfully request that this letter be included as part of the public record for the May 14th City Commission meeting. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Laura Routh
Chair, Lawrence Association of Neighborhoods