

February 18, 2014
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Lawrence, KS

Re: "The Yard" – Rezone to support affordable food provisions for North Lawrence

To the Lawrence City Commission and Planning Commission:

An application is being filed with the Lawrence Planning Commission to request the rezoning of the properties known as 512 and 514 Locust Street in the North Lawrence neighborhood. This application is being submitted on behalf of a community based, non-profit initiative to bring fresh, affordable, healthy, culturally appropriate, and sustainably produced food into North Lawrence. By building around the skills of local residents, the power of local associations, and the supportive functions of local institutions, we hope to make the right to food accessible to all.

As the property Owner and organizational Director of The Yard, I offer this letter as a request to the City of Lawrence to support this community project by initiating the Rezoning Proposal, omitting the associated processing fees. Our organization is in its initial stages. With 501c3 status pending and limited resources available to us, we hope the city can support the cause in this way. Project investment has already been made by the full acquisition of the property which will be utilized towards the operational goals as a rent free space.

This property is located adjacent to the Commercial Strip along the Historic North Lawrence Commercial District. If approved for Inner Neighborhood Commercial purposes, this property would act as a zoning buffer between the commercial strip to the west and the residential homes to the east. Please consult our Rezoning Application and/or Staff Planner, David Guntert for further considerations pertinent to the suitability of the subject property. Also, feel free to contact me with any other questions.

Best Regards,

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North Lawrence Resident

Director of The Yard

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