



# City of Lawrence

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April 3, 2014

Bonita Yoder  
PO Box 1243  
Lawrence, Ks 66044

RE: 608 Kentucky St. – Condition of Front Porch

Dear Ms. Yoder,

Our office issued you a Notice of Emergency Measures (Imminent Danger) dated March 5, 2014, in which the porch at 608 Kentucky St. was declared to be in imminent danger of collapse due to substantial deterioration of the north pillar.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, in response to the declaration, you hired Nick Berger with Berger Construction, Inc. to secure the porch by erecting wood frame bracing at the location where the north pillar had rotted and subsequently failed to provide structural support to the second floor and roof.

During our conversation on site, I informed you the bracing eliminated the imminent danger of the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and roof collapsing. We also discussed the need for a decision to be made on whether the porch would be repaired or demolished as the bracing is a temporary solution. In response, you stated it was your intent to repair the porch and you would continue to work on hiring a licensed contractor to complete the project. We agreed to revisit the issue after you returned from your out of state trip. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, I visited with you at the property regarding your plan to rebuild the porch. You stated you were continuing to have a difficult time finding a contractor but advised the search would continue.

As you are aware, the porch has been in a deteriorated state for a lengthy amount of time. Due to the extent of the deterioration and the uncertainty of you being successful in the hiring of a contractor; our office is requesting a licensed contractor be hired, a building permit approved and the repair work commenced by May 2, 2014. The other option is to demolish the porch in its entirety.

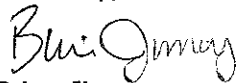
Please be advised that if you are unable to hire a contractor and commence the repair work or demolition by May 2<sup>nd</sup>, our office will issue you a notice of violation for failure to bring the structure into compliance with the City's Property Maintenance Code. Failure to comply with the notice may result in a complaint being forward to Municipal Court.



In closing, our office appreciates your continued effort in attempting to bring the property into compliance with City codes and is hopeful that you are able to hire a contractor to complete the repair work.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Jimenez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brian Jimenez

Code Enforcement Manager

CC: Scott McCullough, Director Planning & Development Services  
Kurt Schroeder, Assistant Director Development Services  
Julie Wyatt, Code Enforcement Officer