



July 7, 2015

Mark Thiel
Assistant Public Works Director/Infrastructure & Maintenance
City of Lawrence

Dear Mr. Thiel,

Two years ago the Kansas Half Marathon had raised a complaint about downtown church service parking. To avoid this issue last year we compiled a list of 12 possibly impacted services and contacted appropriate administrations. Our proactive contact and information sharing allowed congregations to be aware of the event's course and road closures along with pinpointing which parking areas were affected on the morning of the race. This approach was successful and we had zero complaints. We will replicate our outreach so we avoid these issues once again.

Our list of congregations includes any religious organization within a 7 block radius of the main event festivities at Watson Park – 737 Kentucky Street. We'll also be contacting any congregation in proximity to any section of the course.

Finally, like last year's event, we'll be proactive about informing any residence that will be impacted by the race in any way. Kansas Half Marathon volunteers will be distributing door hangers with attached information one week before the race. We'll also be working with Lawrence Journal World to facilitate event and course information to be posted for the community.

We thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Elliot Craig Johnson, Development Coordinator