

Neighborhood Update for LAN

September 4, 2014

Item #1: Neighborhood Contact Information

Is your neighborhood a registered neighborhood? By registering your neighborhood group, you are given notification regarding pending development applications received by the Planning Department, giving your group the opportunity to comment on development projects that may impact your neighborhood. Register your neighborhood at http://lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhood_registration. To find out if your neighborhood information is current, see the neighborhood list at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/neighborhoodcontacts>.

Item #2: Horizon 2020 Update Process –

The City and County commissions adopted a joint resolution setting up a steering committee to oversee and guide the review process. The Steering Committee schedule of meetings, agenda packets and video-recordings can be found here: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/horizon-2020-steering-committee/agendas-and-minutes>. There will be an extensive public input period where comments are gathered from all stakeholders, including the public, advisory boards, neighborhood groups, and others that will last through the summer of 2014.

The Horizon 2020 [Steering Committee](#) would like to invite you to the visioning process for the update to the [City/County Comprehensive Plan](#). Your focus and knowledge are invaluable to helping us create a guide for the continued growth and development of our community. The open house survey period ended August 1st and staff presented results of the survey to the Steering Committee at their August 25th meeting. Other presenters will also be presenting on various topics throughout the next couple of months. A presentation schedule can be found at the top of the agenda page: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/boards/horizon-2020-steering-committee/agendas-and-minutes>.

We would also encourage you to sign up to receive emails throughout the update process regarding meetings and progress at the [Subscription website](#). Your input on the future of Lawrence and Douglas County is valued and important! If you have any questions about the [Comprehensive Plan](#) or about the [Open House Meetings](#), please feel free to let us know.

Visit our Comprehensive Plan update website at lawrenceks.org/pds/horizon-2020-update-process. If you have any comments, ideas, or questions, you can email them to CompPlanUpdate@lawrenceks.org, or call the Planning Office at (785) 832-3150.

Item #3: Rental Licensing Update

The new city-wide rental licensing program became effective July 1, 2014. Single family zoned rental properties (most of which were licensed under the prior program) were affected by the new program beginning July 1, 2014. Owners of these single family zoned properties must submit new rental licensing program applications by no later than the annual license renewal dates established under the previous program. Required rental unit inspections for prior program annual licenses that expire after July 1, 2014 are being completed per the new program requirements. All other *non-single family zoned* rental units will become part of the Rental Licensing and Inspection Program starting on January 1, 2015 (although owners of property in non-single family zoning districts may elect to license such units before then).

As of September, 2014, the City had issued 472 rental program licenses (483 total units) under the new program. Of these new licenses, 337 were for single family properties in single family zoning districts, 134 were for units in multi-family zoning districts, and one (1) was for a multi-family zoning district master license (which included 12 units). No dwelling unit inspections were completed during July under the new program regulations, as expected, and 13 dwelling unit inspections/re-inspections were completed under the new regulations during August. However, during July and August, 121 dwelling unit inspections/re-inspections were completed under prior program requirements (for prior annual licenses that expired in May or June 2014).

Program licensing and inspection activity reports will be provided to the City Commission on a monthly basis. The first monthly report (for July 2014) was provided to the City Commission as part of the City Manager's Report on the September 2, 2014 Commission agenda. (http://lawrenceks.org/assets/agendas/cc/2014/09-02-14/cmreport_july_rental_inspection_report.pdf).

The City has hired two new administrative support positions and two of the four new rental inspector positions approved by the City Commission to support the new program. The City anticipates hiring the other two new rental inspector positions by late 2014 or early 2015.

The City has developed a website devoted to the Rental Licensing Program, which can be viewed at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/rental-licensing or www.lawrenceks.org/rent. The website contains information such as a Program Handbook, the adopting ordinance, inspection forms and guidance, licensing process and inspection brochures, a tenant information brochure, diagrams of program processes and FAQs for both owners and tenants. New or updated information is frequently being added to the website.

Please contact the City with questions at (785) 832-3345 or by email at rentallicensing@lawrenceks.org.

Item #4: City of Lawrence Subscription Services

How can I stay involved with the latest City of Lawrence Notifications?

Interested citizens can sign up to receive notification updates for various City services, events, and information, including advisory board information for the City Commission, Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals, Historic Resources Commission, Community Commission on Homelessness (CCH) and the Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC), as well as City News, Public Meeting Notices, Recreation Announcements, and Neighborhood news. All these subscriptions can be found at <http://www.lawrenceks.org/subscriptions>.

Item #5: Project Submittals

Planning project submittals can now be accessed on the Planning Division's website through the following address: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/pds/submittals>. The list is updated every Monday and also includes a link to an interactive map that shows the locations of the projects.

Item #6: CDD Information

The Community Development Advisory Committee has two openings for appointments to the committee. The open positions are for low-moderate income area representatives. The appointees must come from an area that is 51% or more low-mod and is not already geographically represented on the committee. Please forward any letters of interest to either Danelle Dresslar or to the City Manager's office.

Item #7: Mobile Food Vendor

Revisions to mobile food vendor licensing standards are underway and could relax the hours of operation and number of vendors allowed at a commercial property. This item is scheduled to be re-considered by the City Commission in the next few weeks. Keep up to date with the City Commission agenda: <http://www.lawrenceks.org/agendas>

Item #8: Market Match Information for Neighborhood Associations

Market Match is in full swing at area farmers' market. Market Match is a dollar for dollar matching program that matches SNAP benefits (food stamps) spent at the farmers' markets. The program provides matching funds up to \$25 per day. For example, a family that spends \$25 of their SNAP benefits would receive \$50 in market tokens to use at the various vendor booths. Market Match makes it easier to buy fresh, healthy produce while supporting local producers at the same time.

Market Match is available at the Lawrence Farmers' Market and Cottin's Farmers' Market. The Lawrence Farmers' Market is located on the 8th block of New Hampshire and is Saturday mornings from 7:00-

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11:00am and Tuesday nights from 4:00-6:00pm. Cottin's Farmers' Market is located behind Cottin's Hardware Store at 19th and Massachusetts St. and is Thursday nights from 4:00-6:30pm.

Swing by any of the participating markets to redeem your Market Match funds and go home with fresh, healthy, local, and delicious produce!

For questions about the program, please contact Leslie Queen at lqueen@douglas-county.com or 785-330-2863.

Item #9: September Planning Commission Items

*The Planning Commission will meet on September 22, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room on the first floor of City Hall, 6 E. 6th Street. The deadline for receipt of all written communications is no later than 10:00 a.m. on Monday, September 22, 2014. Visit our website at www.lawrenceks.org/pds/pc_agendas_minutes for more information or call us at 785-832-3150. The order in which the items will appear is not set. **The following is a tentative list of the items being presented at the September Planning Commission meeting and is subject to change.***

The Planning Commission will consider the following public hearing and non hearing items at their Monday, September 22, 2014 meeting:

CUP-14-00295: Consider a Conditional Use Permit to allow equipment storage for Creekwood Lawn, located at 1753 N 700 Rd. Submitted by Shelby Franklin, property owner of record. *Joint meeting with Baldwin Planning Commission.*

SUP-14-00262: Consider a Special Use Permit for the Wakarusa Wastewater Treatment Plant, located on approximately 531 acres at 2300 E 41st St. Submitted by City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

Z-14-00300: Consider a request to rezone approximately 0.8 acres from RSO (Single-Dwelling Residential-Office) District to CN2 (Neighborhood Commercial Center) District, located at 4101 W 6th St. Submitted by Doug and Berniece Garber, property owners of record.

CUP-14-00304: Consider a Conditional Use Permit for Central Soyfoods LLC, a Value Added Agriculture use, at 1168 E 1500 Rd. Submitted by David Millstein, property owner of record.

PP-14-00303: Consider a Preliminary Plat for Schwegler Addition located at 2201 Ousdahl Rd. Submitted by Grob Engineering Services LLC on behalf of USD #497, property owner of record.

Z-14-00314: Consider a request to rezone approximately .269 acres from RM12 (Multi-Dwelling Residential) District to RMO (Multi-Dwelling Residential-Office) District located at 1106 Rhode Island St. Submitted by Hernly Associates on behalf of the City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

SUP-14-00326: Consider a Special Use Permit for Rhody Delahunty Complex, located at 1106 Rhode Island. Submitted by Hernly Associates on behalf of the City of Lawrence, property owner of record.

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