often as may be necessary all buildings, particularly all mercantile buildings, manufacturing plants, warehouses, garages, hotels, boarding houses, rooming houses, theaters, auditoriums and all places of public assemblage, for the purpose of discovering the violation of any fire preventive law or any fire hazard and ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fires and to see that all places of public assemblage, hotels and rooming houses have sufficient and unobstructed facilities for escape therefrom in case of fire. (Code 1999)

7-212.

ABATEMENT OF FIRE HAZARDS; ISSUING ORDER. Whenever any officer or member of the fire department shall find or discover any fire hazard or shall find in any building or upon any premises combustible or explosive material or dangerous accumulation of rubbish or unnecessary accumulation of paper, boxes, shavings or any other inflammable material, so situated as to endanger property by the probability of fire, or shall find or discover any violation of this chapter or any other law hazardous to public safety from fires, the fire chief shall order the fire hazard or danger from the fire forthwith abated and remedied and such order shall be complied with immediately by the owner or occupant of such buildings or premises. If the hazard or condition ordered abated and remedied is a violation of, or a failure to comply with any law, the fire chief shall report the matter to the city attorney and he or she shall, if he or she deems it advisable, prosecute the offender. (Code 1999)

7-213.

SAME; SERVICE OF ORDER; RECORDS. Any order made under section 7-212 shall be in writing and may be served personally upon the owner or occupant of the premises or by leaving it with any person in charge of the premises or if the premises are unoccupied and the owner is a nonresident of the city, then by mailing a copy to the owner's last known post-office address. One notice to either the occupant or owner shall be sufficient. The fire chief shall keep a record of and copies of all such orders and notices and shall follow up such notices at the expiration of the time for compliance therewith and when complied with make proper entry, and if not complied with, file complaint with the municipal court against the property owner and/or occupant. (Code 1999)

#### **ARTICLE 3. FIREWORKS**

7-301.

FIREWORKS DEFINED. For purposes of this article, the term <u>fireworks</u> shall mean those items as defined by the rules and regulations of the Kansas state fire marshal, and shall include but not be limited to: firecrackers, torpedoes, sparklers, Roman candles, sky rockets, pin wheels, cap or toy pistols (except such pistols or any like device designed to discharge paper caps containing not more than .25 grains of explosive mixture), canes, bombs, cannons or other like devices and all classes of fireworks that may be shot into the air or propelled over the ground by explosive discharges or any device using blank cartridges. (Code 1999)

7-302.

FIREWORKS PROHIBITED. (a) Except as provided in sections 7-303:306; it shall be unlawful for any person to keep, store, display for sale, fire, discharge or explode any fireworks.

(b) Nothing in this article shall be construed as applying to:

(1) Toy paper caps containing not more than .25 of a grain of explosive composition per cap;

- (2) The manufacture, storage, sale or authorized use of signals necessary for the safe operation of railroads or other classes of public or private transportation;
- (3) The military or naval forces of the United States or of this state while in the performance of official duty;
  - (4) Law enforcement officers while in the performance of official duty; or
- (5) The sale or use of blank cartridges for ceremonial, theatrical or athletic events.
  (Code 1999)

7-303.

SAME: EXCEPTIONS; DISCHARGES. (a) Section 7-302 of this article shall not apply to the firing or discharge of fireworks in the city between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on July 1st through July 4th.

(b) The governing body of the city may, in its discretion, grant permission at any time for the public display of fireworks by responsible individuals or organizations when such display or displays shall be of such a character and so located, discharged and fired as shall not be a fire hazard or endanger persons or surrounding property.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to give any public

display of fireworks without having first obtained a permit thereof.

(Code 1999)

7-304.

SALE OF FIREWORKS. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale within the city any toy pistol, cartridge cane, squib, rocket, firecracker or Roman candle, or other fireworks or article that can be used in pyrotechnical display. (Code 1949, 6-415)

7-304.

PERMIT FOR PUBLIC FIREWORKS DISPLAY REQUIRED. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to give or provide a fireworks display for the public or for organized groups without first obtaining a permit to do so by making application at least 30 days in advance of the desired display. Approval of the permit shall be by the governing body. No permit shall be approved unless the applicant furnishes a certificate of public liability insurance for the display in a minimum amount of \$1 million, written by an insurance carrier licensed to do business in Kansas, conditioned as being non-cancellable except by giving 10 days advance written notice to the city clerk. In the event of cancellation of the insurance prior to the display, the permit shall automatically be revoked and void. The application for the permit shall clearly state:

- The name of the applicant.
- (2) The group for which the display is planned.
- (3) The location of the display.
- (4) The date and time of the display.
- (5) The nature or kind of fireworks to be used.
- (6) The name of the person, firm or corporation that will make the actual discharge of the fireworks.
  - (7) Anticipated need for police, fire or other municipal services.

- (b) No permit shall be issued if the location, nature of the fireworks or other relevant factor is such as to create an undue hazard or risk of harm or damage to persons or property. (Code 1999)
- 7-305 APPROVED FIREWORKS; BOTTLE ROCKETS PROHIBITED. (a) All fireworks offered for sale and discharged within the city shall be of a type that has been tested and approved for sale and use within the state by the state fire marshal.
  - (b) Bottle rockets and other similar self-propelled firework or fireworks devices consisting of a tube and attached guiding stock or rod shall not be sold or discharged in the city. (Code 1999)
- 7-306 DISCHARGE ON STREETS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, ignite or fire any fireworks upon any public street, alley or avenue or in any park or public place within the city. (Code 1999)
- 7-30 THROWING PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, cast or propel fireworks of any kind in the direction of or into the path of any animal, person or group of persons, or from, in the direction of or into any vehicle of any kind. (Code 1999)
- 7-30% RESTRICTIONS AS TO GASOLINE INSTALLATIONS. It shall be unlawful to store, keep, sell, display for sale or discharge any fireworks within 50 feet of any gasoline pump, gasoline filling station, gasoline bulk station or any building in which gasoline or volatile liquids are sold in quantities in excess of one gallon, except in stores where cleaners, paints and oils are handled in sealed containers only. (Code 1999)
- 7-309 AUTHORITY OF FIRE CHIEF. The chief of the fire department is authorized to seize and confiscate all fireworks which may be kept, stored or used in violation of any section of this article, and all of the rules of the state fire marshal. He or she shall dispose of all such fireworks as may be directed by the governing body. (Code 1999)

#### 7-310 **SALE OF FIREWORKS**

Any person who has first obtained a valid permit to sell fireworks within the city may do so between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. commencing July 1st through July 5th of each year.

## 7-311 PERMIT FOR SALE OF FIREWORKS REQUIRED; FEE; INSURANCE

- a) It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, display for sell, offer to sell or give away any type of fireworks within the city without firs paying a fee of \$10 per establishment or premises to the city clerk and applying for a securing a permit therefore on or before June 25th of the permit year.
- b) Prior to the issuance of the permit, an inspection will be made of the applicant's facility for compliance with this chapter and other pertinent laws, and no permit shall be issued for any premises not in compliance with such laws. Upon qualifying for the permit, the permitted shall prominently display the same at the establishment or premises where fireworks are to be sold or displayed for sale. The permit fee shall not be refundable upon failure to qualify for the permit or withdrawal or cancellation of the application or permit.

## 7-312 **SALE OF FIREWORKS; WHERE PROHIBITED**

- a) It shall be unlawful for fireworks to be stored, sold or displayed for sale in a place of business where paint, oils, varnishes, turpentine or gasoline or other flammable substances are kept, unless such fireworks are in a separate and distinct section or department of the premises.
- b) Where the fire chief deems there is a fire hazard, he or she is hereby authorized to have such hazard abated.

#### 7-313 **RETAIL DISPLA Y OF FIREWORKS**

- a) All retailers are forbidden to expose fireworks where the sun shines through glass on the merchandise displayed, except where such fireworks are in the original package.
- b) All fireworks displayed for sale must remain in original

packages, except where an attendant is on constant duty at all times where such fireworks are on display; provided, that fireworks in open stock may be kept in show cases or counters out of the reach of the public without an attendant being on duty.

c) Signs reading "Fireworks for Sale - No Smoking Allowed" shall be displayed in the section of a store or premises set aside for the sale of fireworks.

## 7-314 FIRE EXTINGUISHER REQUIRED.

- a) Two functioning and approved fire extinguishers must be provided and kept in close proximity to the stock of fireworks in all permanent buildings where fireworks are stored, sold or displayed for sale.
- b) Small stands, temporarily erected to be used as a place for storing and selling fireworks only, shall have one such fire extinguisher, or in lieu of the fire extinguisher, a pressurized water hose with nozzle end within five feet of the fireworks stand.

## 7-315 **RESTRICTIONS AS TO GASOLINE INSTALLATIONS**

It shall be unlawful to store, keep, sell, display for sale or discharge any fireworks within 50 feet of any gasoline pump, gasoline filling station, gasoline bulk station or any building in which gasoline or volatile liquids are sold in quantities in excess of one gallon, except in stores where cleaners, paints and oils are handled in sealed containers only.

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#### CHAPTER VIII. HEALTH AND WELFARE

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## ARTICLE 1. HEALTH NUISANCES

- 8-101. NUISANCES UNLAWFUL; DEFINED. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit any nuisance within the city as defined, without limitation, as follows:
  - (a) Filth, excrement, lumber, rocks, dirt, cans, paper, trash, metal or any other offensive or disagreeable thing or substance thrown or left or deposited upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, public or private enclosure or lot whether vacant or occupied;
    - (b) All dead animals not removed within 24 hours after death;
  - (c) Any place or structure or substance which emits or causes any offensive, disagreeable or nauseous odors;
    - (d) All stagnant ponds or pools of water;
  - (e) All grass or weeds or other unsightly vegetation not usually cultivated or grown for domestic use or to be marketed or for ornamental purposes;
  - (f) Abandoned iceboxes or refrigerators kept on the premises under the control of any person, or deposited on the sanitary landfill, or any icebox or refrigerator not in actual use unless the door, opening or lid thereof is unhinged, or unfastened and removed therefrom;
  - (g) All articles or things whatsoever caused, kept, maintained or permitted by any person to the injury, annoyance or inconvenience of the public or of any neighborhood;
  - (h) Any fence, structure, thing or substance placed upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley or public ground so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of the city.

(K.S.A. 21-4106:4107; Ord. 424(1); Code 1999)

- 8-102. PUBLIC OFFICER. The governing body shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this article. (Code 1999)
- 8-103. COMPLAINTS; INQUIRY AND INSPECTION. The public officer shall make inquiry and inspection of premises upon receiving a complaint or complaints in writing signed by two or more persons stating that a nuisance exists and describing the same and where located or is informed that a nuisance may exist by the board of health, chief of police or the fire chief. The public officer may make such inquiry

and inspection when he or she observes conditions which appear to constitute a nuisance. Upon making any inquiry and inspection the public officer shall make a written report of findings. (Code 1999)

- 8-104. RIGHT OF ENTRY. It shall be a violation of this code to deny the public officer the right of access and entry upon private property at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inquiry and inspection to determine if a nuisance exists. (Code 1999)
- 8-105. NOTICE. Any person, corporation, partnership or association found by the public officer to be in violation of section 8-101 shall be served a notice of such violation. The notice shall be served by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; provided, that if the owner or his or her agent in charge of the property is a resident of Crawford County, Kansas, the notice shall be personally served by the public officer or a law enforcement officer. (K.S.A. 12-1617e; Code 1999)
- 8-106. SAME; CONTENTS. The notice shall state the condition(s) which is (are) in violation of section 8-101. The notice shall also inform the person, corporation, partnership or association that
  - (a) He, she or they shall have 10 days from the date of serving the notice to abate the condition(s) in violation of section 8-101; or
  - (b) He, she or they have 10 days from the date of serving the notice to request a hearing before the governing body of the matter as provided by section 8-109;
  - (c) Failure to abate the condition(s) or to request a hearing within the time allowed may result in prosecution as provided by section 8-107 and/or abatement of the condition(s) by the city as provided by section 8-108. (Code 1999)
- 8-107. FAILURE TO COMPLY; PENALTY. Should the person, corporation, partnership or association fail to comply with the notice to abate the nuisance or request a hearing the public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the city against such person, corporation, partnership or association and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of section 8-101, be fined in an amount not to exceed \$100 or be imprisoned not to exceed 30 days or be both fined and imprisoned. Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense. (Code 1999)
- 8-108. ABATEMENT. In addition to, or as an alternative to prosecution as provided in section 8-107, the public officer may seek to remedy violations of this section in the following manner. If a person to whom a notice has been sent pursuant to section 8-105 has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the governing body within the time periods specified in section 8-106, the public officer may present a resolution to the governing body for adoption authorizing the public officer or other agents of the city to abate the conditions causing the violation at the end of 10 days after passage of the resolution. The resolution shall further provide that the costs incurred by the city

shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located as provided in section 8-110. A copy of the resolution shall be served upon the person in violation in one of the following ways:

(a) Personal service upon the person in violation;

(b) Service by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or

(c) In the event the whereabouts of such person are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the public officer and filed with the city clerk, and the serving of the resolution shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and by posting a copy of the resolution on the premises where such condition exists.

(Code 1999)

8-109.

HEARING. If a hearing is requested within the 10 day period as provided in section 8-106, such request shall be made in writing to the governing body. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to contest the findings of the public officer before the governing body. The hearing shall be held by the governing body as soon as possible after the filing of the request therefore, and the person shall be advised by the city of the time and place of the hearing at least five days in advance thereof. At any such hearing, the person may be represented by counsel, and the person and the city may introduce such witnesses and evidence as is deemed necessary and proper by the governing body. The hearing need not be conducted according to the formal rules of evidence. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the governing body shall record its determination of the matter by means of adopting a resolution and serving the resolution upon the person in the manner provided in section 8-108. (Code 1999)

8-110.

COSTS ASSESSED. If the city abates the nuisance pursuant to section 8-108, the cost of abatement shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located. The city clerk shall, at the time of certifying other taxes to the county clerk, certify the costs as provided in this section. The county clerk shall extend the same on the tax roll and it shall be collected by the county treasurer and paid to the city as other city taxes are collected and paid. (Code 1999)

#### ARTICLE 2. ENVIRONMENTAL CODE

8-201. TITLE. This article shall be known as the "Environmental Code." (Code 1999)

8-202.

LEGISLATIVE FINDING OF FACT. The governing body has found that there exist within the city unsightly and hazardous conditions due to: dilapidation, deterioration or disrepair of walls, siding, fences or structure exteriors; accumulations increasing the hazards of accidents or other calamities; structural defects; uncleanliness; unsightly stored or parked material, equipment, supplies, machinery, vehicles or parts thereof. Such conditions are inimical to the general welfare of the community in that they have a blighting influence on the adjoining properties, the neighborhood and the city, or are injurious to the health and safety of the residents of the city. The governing body desires to promote the public

health, safety and welfare by the repair, removal, abatement, and regulation of such conditions in the manner hereafter provided. (Code 1999)

- PURPOSE. The purpose of this article is to protect, preserve, upgrade, and 8-203. regulate the environmental quality of industrial, commercial and residential neighborhoods in this city, by outlawing conditions which are injurious to the health. safety, welfare or aesthetic characteristics of the neighborhoods and to provide for the administration and enforcement thereof. (Code 1999)
- RULES OF CONSTRUCTION. For the purpose of this article, the following rules of construction shall apply: (1) Any part thereof - Whenever the words premises, structure, building or yard are used they shall be construed as though they were followed by the words

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"or any part thereof." (2) Gender - Words of gender shall be construed to mean neuter, feminine

or masculine, as may be applicable.

(3) Number - Words of number shall be construed to mean singular or plural, as may be applicable.

(4) Tense - Words of tense shall be construed to mean present or future, as may be applicable.

(5) Shall - The word shall is mandatory and not permissive. (Code 1999)

- 8-205. DEFINITIONS. The words and phrases listed below when used in this article shall have the following meanings:
  - (1) Abandoned Motor Vehicle any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 to 8-149 inclusive, as amended; or parked in violation of the code; or incapable of moving under its own power; or in a junked or wrecked condition.
  - (2) Accessory Structure a secondary structure detached from the principal structure but on the same premises, including, but not limited to, garages, sheds, barns, or outbuildings.
  - (3) Commercial or Industrial used or intended to be used primarily for other than residential purposes.
  - (4) Dilapidation, Deterioration or Disrepair shall mean any condition characterized by, but not limited to: holes, breaks, rot, decay, crumbling, cracking, peeling or flaking paint, rusting, or other evidence of physical damage, neglect, lack of maintenance, excessive use or weathering.
  - (5) Exterior those parts of a structure which are exposed to the weather or subject to contact with the elements; including, but not limited to: sidings, facings, veneers, masonry, roofs, foundations, porches, screens, shutters, windows, doors or signs.
  - (6) Garbage without limitation any accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable waste matter that results from the handling, preparation, cooking, serving, delivering, storage, or use of foodstuffs.
  - (7) Person any individual, individuals, corporation, partnership, unincorporated association, other business organization, committee, board, trustee, receiver, agent or other representative who has charge, care, control or

responsibility for maintenance of any premises, regardless of status as owner, renter, tenant or lessee, whether or not in possession.

- (8) <u>Premises</u> any lot, plot or parcel of land including the structures thereon. Premises shall also mean any lot, plot or parcel of land without any structures thereon.
  - (9) Refuse garbage and trash.
  - (10) Residential used or intended to be used primarily for human habitation.
- (11) <u>Structure</u> anything constructed or erected which requires location on the ground or is attached to something having a location on the ground including any appurtenances belonging thereto.
- (12) <u>Trash</u> combustible waste consisting of, but not limited to: papers, cartons, boxes, barrels, wood, excelsior, furniture, bedding, rags, leaves, yard trimmings, or tree branches and non-combustible waste consisting of, but not limited to: metal, tin, cans, glass, crockery, plastics, mineral matter, ashes, clinkers, or street rubbish and sweepings.
  - (13) Weathered deterioration caused by exposure to the elements.
- (14) <u>Yard</u> the area of the premises not occupied by any structure. (Code 1999)
- 8-206. PUBLIC OFFICER. The governing body shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this article. (Code 1999)
- 8-207. ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS. No person shall be found in violation of this article unless the public officer, after a reasonable inquiry and inspection of the premises, believes that conditions exist of a quality and appearance not commensurate with the character of the neighborhood. Such belief must be supported by evidence of a level of maintenance significantly below that of the rest of the neighborhood. Such evidence shall include conditions declared unlawful under section 8-208 but shall not include conditions which are not readily visible from any public place or from any surrounding private property.(Code 1999)
- 8-208. UNLAWFUL ACTS It shall be unlawful for any person to allow to exist on any residential, commercial or industrial premises, conditions which are injurious to the health, safety or general welfare of the residents of the community or conditions which are detrimental to adjoining property, the neighborhood or the city. For the purpose of fair and efficient enforcement and administration, such unlawful conditions shall be classified as follows:
  - (a) Exterior conditions (yard) shall include, but not be limited to, the scattering over or the parking, leaving, depositing or accumulation on the yard of any of the following:
  - (1) lumber, wire, metal, tires, concrete, masonry products, plastic products, supplies, equipment, machinery, auto parts, junk or refuse;
    - (2) abandoned motor vehicles; or
  - (3) furniture, stoves, refrigerators, televisions, sinks, bicycles, lawn mowers, or other such items of personal property.
  - (4) nauseous substances, carcasses of dead animals or places where animals are kept in an offensive manner.

(b) Exterior conditions (structure) shall include, but not be limited to, deteriorated, dilapidated, or unsightly:

exteriors of any structure;

(2) exteriors of any accessory structure; or

(3) fences, walls, or retaining walls. (Code 1999)

8-209.

NOTICE Any person found by the public officer to be in violation of section 8-208 shall be sent a notice of such violation by the public officer. The notice shall be sent by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested The notice shall state:

(a) The condition which has caused the violation of this article; and

(b) That the person in violation shall have:

- (1) 15 days from the date of the mailing of the notice to alleviate the exterior conditions (yard) violation; and/or;
- (2) 45 days from the date of the mailing of the notice to alleviate the exterior conditions (structure) violation;

or in the alternative to subsections (1) and (2) above,

(3) 15 days from the date of the mailing of the notice to request, as provided in section 8-213 a hearing before the governing body on the matter; and

- (c) That failure to alleviate the condition or to request a hearing may result in prosecution under section 8-210 and/or abatement of the condition by the city according to section 8-211 with the costs assessed against the property under section 8-214. (Code 1999)
- 8-210.

PENALTY. The public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court against any person found to be in violation of section 8-208, provided however, that such person shall first have been sent a notice as provided in section 8-209 and that the person has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the governing body within the time periods specified in section 8-209. Upon such complaint in the municipal court, any person found to be in violation of section 8-208 shall upon conviction be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$100, or by imprisonment, for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment, for each offense. For the purposes of this article, a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which such violation is permitted to exist. (Code 1999)

8-211.

ABATEMENT. In addition to, or as an alternative to, prosecution as provided in section 8-210, the public officer may seek to remedy violations of this article in the following manner. If a person to whom a notice has been sent pursuant to section 8-209 has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the governing body within the time periods specified in section 8-209, the public officer may present a resolution to the governing body for adoption authorizing the public officer or other agents of the city to abate the conditions causing the violation at the end of 20 days after passage of the resolution. The resolution shall further provide that the costs incurred by the city shall be assessed against the property as provided in section 8-215.

A copy of the resolution shall be served upon the person in violation in one of the following ways:

- (a) Personal service upon the person in violation;
- (b) Service by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or
- (c) In the event the whereabouts of such person are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the public officer and filed with the city clerk, and the serving of the resolution shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and by posting a copy of the resolution on the premises where such conditions exist.

  (Code 1999)
- 8-212. HEARING BEFORE GOVERNING BODY. If a hearing is requested within the 15 day period as provided in section 8-209 such request shall be made in writing to the governing body. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to contest the findings of the public officer before the governing body. The hearing shall be held by the governing body as soon as possible after the filing of the request therefor, and the person shall be advised by the city of the time and place of the hearing at least five days in advance thereof. At any such hearing, the person may be represented by counsel, and the person and the city may introduce such witnesses and evidence as is deemed necessary and proper by the governing body. The hearing need not be conducted according to the formal rules of evidence. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the governing body shall record its determination of the matter by means of adopting a resolution and serving the resolution upon the person in the manner provided in section 8-211. (Code 1999)
- 8-213. APPEALS. Any person affected by any determination of the governing body under sections 8-211 or 8-212 may appeal such determination in the manner provided by K.S.A. 60-2101. (Code 1999)
- 8-214. COSTS ASSESSED. If the city abates the conditions in violation of this article pursuant to section 8-211, the cost of abatement shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the conditions were located. The city clerk shall, at the time of certifying other taxes to the county clerk, certify the costs as provided in this section. The county clerk shall extend the same on the tax roll and it shall be collected by the county treasurer and paid to the city as other city taxes are collected and paid. (Code 1999)
- 8-215. CONSTRUCTION. Nothing in this article shall be construed to abrogate or impair the powers of the courts or of any department of the city to enforce any provisions of its laws nor to prevent or punish violations thereof. The powers conferred by this article shall be in addition to and supplemental to the powers conferred by the Kansas Constitution, by any other law or by ordinance. (Code 1999)

#### ARTICLE 3. JUNKED MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

8-301.

FINDINGS OF GOVERNING BODY. The governing body finds that junked, wrecked, dismantled, inoperative or abandoned vehicles affect the health, safety and general welfare of citizens of the city because they:

- (a) Service as a breeding ground for flies, mosquitoes, rats and other insects and rodents;
- (b) Are a danger to persons, particularly children, because of broken glass, sharp metal protrusions, insecure mounting on blocks, jacks or other supports;
  - (c) Are a ready source of fire and explosion;
  - (d) Encourage pilfering and theft;
  - (e) Constitute a blighting influence upon the area in which they are located;
- (f) Constitute a fire hazard because they frequently block access for fire equipment to adjacent buildings and structures. (Ord. 411, Sec. 1; Code 1999)
- 8-302.

DEFINITIONS. As used in this article, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

- (a) <u>Inoperable</u> means a condition of being junked, wrecked, wholly or partially dismantled, discarded, abandoned or unable to perform the function or purpose for which it was originally constructed;
- (b) <u>Vehicle</u> means, without limitation, any automobile, truck, tractor or motorcycle which as originally built contained an engine, regardless of whether it contains an engine at any other time.

  (Ord. 411, Sec. 2; Code 1999)
- 8-303.

NUISANCES UNLAWFUL; DEFINED; EXCEPTIONS. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit any motor vehicle nuisance within the city.

- (a) A motor vehicle nuisance is any motor vehicle which is not currently registered or tagged pursuant to K.S.A. 8-126 to 8-149 inclusive, as amended; or parked in violation of city ordinance; or incapable of moving under its own power; or in a junked, wrecked or inoperable condition. Any one of the following conditions shall raise the presumption that a vehicle is junked, wrecked or inoperable;
  - (1) Absence of a current registration plate upon the vehicle;
- (2) Placement of the vehicle or parts thereof upon jacks, blocks, or other supports;
- (3) Absence of one or more parts of the vehicle necessary for the lawful operation of the vehicle upon street or highway.
  - (b) The provisions of this section shall not apply to:
  - (1) Any motor vehicle which is enclosed in a garage or other building;
- (2) To the parking or storage of a vehicle inoperable for a period of 30 consecutive days or less; or
- (3) To any person conducting a business enterprise in compliance with existing zoning regulations or who places such vehicles behind screening of sufficient size, strength and density to screen such vehicles from the view of the public and to prohibit ready access to stored vehicles by children. However, nothing in this subsection shall be construed to authorize the maintenance of a public nuisance.

(Ord. 411, Sec. 3; Code 1999)

- 8-304. PUBLIC OFFICER. The governing body shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this article. (Code 1999)
- 8-305. COMPLAINTS; INQUIRY AND INSPECTION. The public officer shall make inquiry and inspection of premises upon receiving a complaint or complaints in writing signed by two or more persons stating that a nuisance exists and describing the same and where located or is informed that a nuisance may exist by the board of health, chief of police or the fire chief. The public officer may make such inquiry and inspection when he or she observes conditions which appear to constitute a nuisance. Upon making any inquiry and inspection the public officer shall make a written report of findings. (Code 1999)
- 8-306. RIGHT OF ENTRY. It shall be a violation of this article to deny the public officer the right of access and entry upon private property at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inquiry and inspection to determine if a nuisance exists. (Code 1999)
- 8-307. NOTICE. Any person found by the public officer to be in violation of section 8-303 shall be served a notice of such violation. The notice shall be served by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; provided, that if the owner or his or her agent in charge of the property is a resident of Crawford County, Kansas, the notice shall be personally served by the public officer or a law enforcement officer. (Code 1999)
- 8-308. SAME; CONTENTS. The notice shall state the condition(s) which is (are) in violation of section 8-303. The notice shall also inform the person that:
  - (a) He, she or they shall have seven days from the date of serving the entice to abate the condition(s) in violation of section 8-303; or
  - (b) He, she or they have seven days from the date of serving the notice to request a hearing before the governing body of the matter as provided by section 8-312;
  - (c) Failure to abate the condition(s) or to request a hearing within the time allowed may result in prosecution as provided by section 8-309 and/or abatement of the condition(s) by the city as provided by section 8-310. (Ord. 411, Sec. 7; Code 1999)
- 8-309. FAILURE TO COMPLY; PENALTY. Should the person fail to comply with the notice to abate the nuisance or request a hearing, the public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the city against such person and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of section 8-303, be fined in an amount not to exceed \$100 or be imprisoned not to exceed 30 days or be both fined and imprisoned. Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense. (Ord. 411, Sec. 8; Code 1999)
- 8-310. ABATEMENT. In addition to, or as an alternative to prosecution as provided in section 8-309, the public officer may seek to remedy violations of this article in the following manner. If a person to whom a notice has been sent pursuant to section 8-307 has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation or

requested a hearing before the governing body within the time period specified in section 8-308, the public officer may present a resolution to the governing body for adoption authorizing the public officer or other agents of the city to abate the conditions causing the violation at the end of 10 days after passage of the resolution.

The resolution shall further provide that the costs incurred by the city shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located as provided in section 8-313. A copy of the resolution shall be served upon the person in violation in one of the following ways:

- (a) Personal service upon the person in violation;
- (b) Service by restricted mail, postage prepaid, return receipt requested; or
- (c) In the event the whereabouts of such person are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the public officer and filed with the city clerk, and the serving of the resolution shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and by posting a copy of the resolution on the premises where such condition exists.

  (Code 1999)
- 8-311. DISPOSITION OF VEHICLE. Disposition of any motor vehicle removed and abated from private property pursuant to this article shall be as provided by K.S.A. Supp. 8-1102, as amended. (Code 1999)
- 8-312. HEARING. If a hearing is requested within the 10 day period as provided in section 8-308, such request shall be made in writing to the governing body. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to contest the findings of the public officer before the governing body. The hearing shall be held by the governing body as soon as possible after the filing of the request therefore, and the person shall be advised by the city of the time and place of the hearing at least five days in advance thereof. At any such hearing, the person may be represented by counsel, and the person and the cit may introduce such witnesses and evidence as is deemed necessary and proper by the governing body. The hearing need not be conducted according to the formal rules of evidence. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the governing body shall record its determination of the matter by means of adopting a resolution and serving the resolution upon the person in the matter provided in section 8-310. (Code 1999)
- 8-313. COSTS ASSESSED. If the city abates the nuisance pursuant to section 8-310, the cost of abatement shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located. The city clerk shall, at the time of certifying other taxes to the county clerk, certify the costs as provided in this section. The county clerk shall extend the same on the tax roll and it shall be collected by the county treasurer and paid to the city as other city taxes are collected and paid. (Code 1999)

#### **ARTICLE 4. WEEDS**

8-401.

WEEDS TO BE REMOVED. It shall be unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or other person occupying or having charge or control of any premises to permit weeds to remain upon said premises or any area between the property lines of said premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley, including but not specifically limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, rights-of-way and all other areas, public or private. All weeds as hereinafter defined are hereby declared a nuisance and are subject to abatement as hereinafter provided. (Code 1999)

8-402.

DEFINITIONS. Weeds as used herein, means any of the following:

(a) Brush and woody vines shall be classified as weeds;

(b) Weeds and indigenous grasses which may attain such large growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace to adjacent improved property;

(c) Weeds which bear or may bear seeds of a downy or wingy nature.

- (d) Weeds which are located in an area which harbors rats, insects, animals, reptiles, or any other creature which either may or does constitute a menace to health, public safety or welfare;
- (e) Weeds and indigenous grasses on or about residential property which, because of its height, has a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed 12 inches in height.

  (Code 1999)

8-403.

- PUBLIC OFFICER; NOTICE TO REMOVE. The governing body shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this ordinance. The public officer or an authorized assistant shall notify in writing the owner, occupant or agent in charge of any premises in the city upon which weeds exist in violation of this ordinance, by mail or by personal service, once per calendar year. Such notice shall include the following:
- (a) That the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the property is in violation of the city weed control law.
- (b) That the owner, occupant, or agent in charge of the property is ordered to cut the weeds within 10 days of the receipt of notice.
- (c) That the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the property may request a hearing before the governing body or its designated representative within five days of the receipt of notice.
- (d) That if the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the property does not cut the weeds, the city or its authorized agent will cut the weeds and assess the cost of the cutting, including a reasonable administrative fee, against the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the property.
- (e) That the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the property will be given an opportunity to pay the assessment, and, if it is not paid, it will be added to the property tax as a special assessment.
- (f) That no further notice shall be given prior to removal of weeds during the current calendar year.
- (g) That the public officer should be contacted if there are any questions regarding the order.

If there is a change in the record owner of title to property subsequent to the giving of notice pursuant to this subsection, the city may not recover any costs or levy an assessment for the costs incurred by the cutting or destruction of weeds on such property unless the new record owner of title to such property is provided notice as required by this section. (Code 1999)

8-404.

ABATEMENT; ASSESSMENT OF COSTS. (a) Upon the expiration of 10 days after receipt of the notice required by section 8-403, and in the event that the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the premises shall neglect or fail to comply with the requirements of section 8-401, the public officer or an authorized assistant shall cause to be cut, destroyed and/or removed all such weeds and abate the nuisance created thereby at any time during the current calendar year.

(b) The public officer or an authorized assistant shall give notice to the owner, occupant or agent in charge of the premises by restricted mail of the costs of abatement of the nuisance. The notice shall state that payment of the costs is

due and payable within 30 days following receipt of the notice.

(c) If the costs of removal or abatement remain unpaid after 30 days following receipt of notice, a record of the costs of cutting and destruction and/or removal shall be certified to the city clerk who shall cause such costs to be assessed against the particular lot or piece of land on which such weeds were so removed, and against such lots or pieces of land in front of or abutting on such street or alley on which such weeds were so removed. The city clerk shall certify the assessment to the county clerk at the time other special assessments are certified for spreading on the tax rolls of the county. (K.S.A. 12-1617f; Code 1999)

8-405.

RIGHT OF ENTRY. The public officer, and the public officer's authorized assistants, employees, contracting agents or other representatives are hereby expressly authorized to enter upon private property at all reasonable hours for the purpose of cutting, destroying and/or removing such weeds in a manner not inconsistent with this article. (Code 1999)

8-406.

UNLAWFUL INTERFERENCE. It shall be unlawful for any person to interfere with or to attempt to prevent the public officer or the public officer's authorized representative from entering upon any such lot or piece of ground or from proceeding with such cutting and destruction. Such interference shall constitute a code violation. (Code 1999)

8-407.

NOXIOUS WEEDS. (a) Nothing in this article shall affect or impair the rights of the city under the provisions of Chapter 2, Article 13 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, relating to the control and eradication of certain noxious weeds.

(b) For the purpose of this section, the term noxious weeds shall mean kudzu (Pueraria lobata), field bindweed (Convolvulus arvensis), Russian knapweed (Centaurea picris), hoary cress (Lepidium draba), Canada thistle (Cirsium arvense), quackgrass (Agropyron repens), leafy spurge (Euphorbia esula), burragweed (Franseria tomentosa and discolor), pignut (Hoffmannseggia densiflora), musk (nodding) thistle (Carduus nutans L.), and Johnson grass (Sorghum halepense). (K.S.A. 2-1314; Code 1999)

#### ARTICLE 5. MINIMUM HOUSING CODE

- 8-501. TITLE. This article shall be known as the "Minimum Standard for Housing and Premises Code," and will be referred to herein as "this code." (Code 1999)
- 8-502. GENERAL. Buildings used in whole or in part as a home or residence of a single family or person and every building used in whole or in part as a home or residence of two or more persons or families living in separate apartments and all premises, either residential or non-residential, shall conform to the requirements of this code. (Code 1999)
- 8-503. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The governing body declares the purpose of this code is to protect, preserve, and promote the physical and mental health of the people, investigate and control communicable diseases, regulate privately and publicly-owned structures or dwellings, and all premises for the purpose of sanitation and public health, general appearance, and protect the safety of the people and promote the general welfare by legislation which shall be applicable to all dwellings, structures and premises now in existence or hereafter constructed or developed and which legislation:
  - (a) Establishes minimum standards for basic equipment and facilities for light, ventilation and heating, for safety from fire, for the use and location and amount of space for human occupancy, and for safe and sanitary maintenance;
  - (b) Establishes standards concerning unsightly and blighted buildings and premises, both residential and non-residential structures.
    - (c) Determines the responsibilities of owners, operators and occupants.
  - (d) Provides for the administration and enforcement thereof. (Code 1999)
- 8-504. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply to the enforcement of this code:
  - (a) <u>Basement</u> shall mean a portion of a building located partly underground, but having less than half its clear floor-to-ceiling height below the average grade of the adjoining ground.
  - (b) <u>Cellar</u> shall mean a portion of a building located partly or wholly underground, and having half or more than half of its clear floor-to-ceiling height below the average grade of the adjoining ground.
  - (c) <u>Dwelling</u> shall mean any building which is wholly or party used or intended to be used for living or sleeping by human occupants: provided, that temporary housing hereinafter defined shall not be regarded as a dwelling.
  - (d) <u>Dwelling Unit</u> shall mean any room or group of rooms located within a dwelling and forming a single habitable unit with facilities which are used, or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating.
  - (e) <u>Habitable Dwelling</u> shall mean any structure or part thereof that shall be used as a home or place of abode by one or more persons.
  - (f) <u>Habitable Room</u> shall mean a room designed to be used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking purposes, excluding bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls and storage places, or other similar places, not used by persons for extended periods.

(g) <u>Infestation</u> shall mean the presence, within or around a dwelling, of insects, rodents, or other pests.

(h) Multiple Dwelling shall mean any dwelling containing more than two

dwelling units.

- (i) Occupant shall mean any person, over one year of age, living, sleeping, cooking, or eating in, or having actual possession of, a dwelling unit or rooming unit.
- (j) Operator shall mean any person who has charge, care, owns, or has control of a premise or of a building or structure or part thereof, in which dwelling units or rooming units are let.
- (k) Owner shall mean any person, firm, or corporation, who jointly or severally along with others, shall be in actual possession of, or have charge, care and control of any structure or dwelling unit or premises within the city as owner, employee, or agent of the owner, or as trustee or guardian of the estate or person of the title holder, and such person shall be deemed and taken to be the owner or owner of such property within the true intent and meaning of this code and shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this article to the same extent as the record owner and notice to any such person shall be deemed and taken to be a good and sufficient notice as if such person or persons were actually the record owner or owner of such property.

(I) Person shall mean and include any individual, firm, corporation,

association or partnership.

- (m) <u>Plumbing</u> shall mean and include all of the following supplied facilities and equipment: gas or fuel pipes, gas or fuel burning equipment, water pipes, garbage disposal units, waste pipes, water closets, sinks, installed dishwashers, lavatories, bathtubs, shower baths, installed clothes- washing machines, catch basins, drains, vents and any other similar supplied fixtures, together with all connections to water, sewer, gas or fuel lines.
- (n) <u>Premise</u> shall mean any lot or land area, either residential or non-residential, not covered by a structure and which is subject to a city tax in part or in whole.

(o) Public Officer shall mean the building inspector.

(p) Rooming House shall mean any dwelling, or that part of a dwelling containing one or more rooming units in which space is let by the owner or operator to three or more persons who are not husband and wife, son or daughter, mother or father, or sister or brother of the owner or operator.

(q) Rooming Unit shall mean any room or group of rooms forming a single habitable unit used or intended to be used for living and sleeping, but not for

cooking or eating purposes.

(r) Refuse. For the purpose of this article refuse shall include garbage, and trash.

(1) <u>Garbage</u> shall mean any accumulation of animal, fruit or vegetable waste matter that attends the preparation of, use of, cooking of, delivering of, or storage

of meats, fish, fowl, fruit or vegetable.

(2) <u>Trash</u> (Combustible). For the purpose of this article combustible trash shall mean waste consisting of papers, cartons, boxes, barrels, wood and excelsior, tree branches, yard trimmings, wood furniture, bedding and leaves, or any other combustible materials.

(3) Trash (Non-Combustible). For the purpose of this article noncombustible trash shall mean waste consisting of metals, tin cans, glass, crockery, other mineral refuse and ashes and street rubbish and sweepings, dirt, sand, concrete scrap, or any other non-combustible material.

(s) Structure shall mean anything constructed or erected on the ground or

attached to something having a location on the ground.

Supplied shall mean paid for, furnished, or provided by or under the

control of, the owner or operator.

- (u) Temporary Housing shall mean any tent, trailer, or other structure used for human shelter which is designed to be transportable and which is not attached to the ground, house or building or another structure, or to any utilities system on the same premises for more than 30 consecutive days, except when located in a mobile home court duly licensed under laws of the city.
- (v) Words Meanings. Whenever the words "dwelling," "dwelling unit," "rooming house," "rooming unit," "premises," are used in this ordinance, they shall be construed as though they were followed by the words "or any part thereof." (Code 1999)

8-505.

DUTY OF OCCUPANT OR OWNER OF OCCUPIED OR UNOCCUPIED BUILDING AND ITS PREMISES OR VACANT PREMISES. (a) It shall be the duty of the owner of every occupied or unoccupied dwelling, building and premises or vacant premise, including all yards, lawns and courts to keep such property clean and free from any accumulation of filth, rubbish, garbage, or any similar matter as covered by sections 8-508:509.

(b) It shall be the duty of each occupant of a dwelling unit to keep in clean condition the portion of the property which he or she occupies and of which he or she has exclusive control, to comply with the rules and regulations, to place all garbage and refuse in proper containers. Where care of the premise is not the responsibility of the occupant then the owner is responsible for violations of this code applicable to the premise.

(c) If receptacles are not provided by the owner, then the occupant shall

provide receptacles as may be necessary to contain all garbage and trash.

(d) Every occupant of a dwelling containing a single dwelling unit shall be responsible for the extermination of any insects, rodents or other pests therein or on the premises; and every occupant of a dwelling unit in a dwelling containing more than one dwelling unit shall be responsible for such extermination whenever his or her dwelling unit is the unit primarily infested.

(e) Notwithstanding, the foregoing provisions of this section, whenever infestation is caused by failure of the owner to maintain a dwelling in a vermin proof or reasonable insect-proof condition, extermination shall be the responsibility of the

owner and operator.

(f) Whenever infestation exists in two or more of the dwelling units in any dwelling, or in the shared or public parts of any dwelling containing two or more dwelling units, extermination thereof shall be the responsibility of the owner. (Code 1999)

8-506.

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE AND OCCUPANCY OF DWELLINGS. No person shall occupy as owner-occupant or let to another for occupancy any dwelling or dwelling unit, for the purpose of living, sleeping, cooking, or eating

therein, which does not comply with the following requirements. The following requirements are hereby declared essential to the health and safety of the occupants of such dwelling or dwelling unit:

- (a) Attached Garages or Non-dwelling Areas. All non-dwelling occupancies shall be separated from the dwelling unit by a fire resistant wall and if the dwelling and garage are covered by a common or connecting roof, then the ceiling also must have a fire resistance rating of not less than one hour as defined in the building code.
- (b) <u>Basement or Cellar.</u> The basement or cellar of any dwelling shall be reasonably dry and ventilated and shall be kept free from rubbish accumulation.
- (c) <u>Basement Dwelling Units</u>. The use of basements or cellars for dwelling units is prohibited unless they comply with section 8-506(r) governing ventilation, provided however, if occupied at the time of the passage of this code and if it complies with all other provisions of this code, the public officer may approve less than the required windows, if in his or her opinion, the window area is not detrimental to the occupants.
- (d) <u>Bathing Facilities.</u> Every dwelling unit shall contain within a room which affords privacy to a person in the room, a bathtub or shower in good working condition and properly connected to an approved water and sewer system.
- (e) <u>Boarding and Rooming Houses.</u> No room shall be used for sleeping purposes unless the ceiling height is at least seven feet and there are at least 400 cubic feet of air space for each occupant over six years of age. For sleeping rooms with sloping ceilings, the ceiling height shall be at least seven feet over at least 50 percent of the floor area.
- (1) Bathing facilities shall be provided in the form of a tub or shower for each eight occupants. Separate facilities shall be provided for each sex and plainly marked.
- (2) A flush water closet shall be provided for each six occupants and shall be separated with the separate access from bathing facilities if more than four occupants are served by each. Separate facilities shall be provided for each sex and shall be plainly marked.
- (f) <u>Drainage.</u> All courts, yards or other areas on the premises of any dwelling shall be so graded and drained that there is no pooling of the water thereon. Properly constructed wading and swimming pools and fish ponds are excepted from this section.
- (g) Entrances. (1) There shall be for each dwelling unit a normally used separate access either to a hallway, stairway, or street, which is safe and in good repair.
- (2) A secondary exit to the ground shall be available in case of fire through windows, porch roofs, ladders or any combination that is free of hazard or egress.
- (h) Floor Area. Every dwelling unit shall contain at least 150 square feet of floor space for the first occupant thereof and at least 100 additional square feet of floor space for every additional occupant thereof. The floor space shall be calculated on the basis of total habitable room area, inside measurements. No floor space shall be included in determining habitable room area over which the ceiling is less than seven feet above the floor for the purpose of this subsection.
- (i) <u>Garbage and Trash Receptacles.</u> Every dwelling and every dwelling unit shall be provided with such receptacles, not exceeding 32 gallon capacity, as may

be necessary to contain all garbage and trash and such receptacles shall at all times be maintained in good repair.

- (j) <u>Heating.</u> Every dwelling and every dwelling unit shall be so constructed, insulated, and maintained and be provided by owner or occupant with heating units so that it is capable or reaching an air temperature of 70 degrees Fahrenheit under ordinary winter conditions. The chimney of the dwelling or dwelling unit shall be maintained in good order, and the owner of the approved heating equipment shall maintain it in good order and repair.
- (k) <u>Kitchen Sink.</u> In every dwelling unit containing two or more rooms, there shall be at least one kitchen sink with public water under pressure and connected to the public sewer, or if that sewer system is not available, to a sewage disposal system approved by the city health department.
- (I) <u>Lavatory Facilities</u>. Every dwelling unit shall contain within its walls a lavatory basin in good working condition and properly connected to an approved water and sewer system and located in the same room as the required flush water closet or as near to the room as practicable.
- (m) <u>Lighting.</u> Every habitable room shall have a ceiling electric outlet and a duplex outlet in wall or floor, or at least two wall or floor outlets.
- (n) <u>Lighting of Toilets and Bathrooms.</u> Every toilet and every bathroom in every dwelling shall have at least one electric light in either the ceiling or on the wall.
- (o) <u>Plumbing.</u> All plumbing, water closets and other plumbing fixtures in every dwelling or dwelling unit shall be maintained in good working order.
- (p) <u>Privies.</u> All pit privies, privy vaults, "dry hopper" sewer-connected privies and frost-proof closets are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.
- (q) <u>Toilet Facilities.</u> There shall be at least one flush water closet in good working condition for each dwelling unit, which flush water closet shall be located within the dwelling and in a room which affords privacy.
- (r) <u>Ventilation</u>. Every habitable room in a dwelling or dwelling unit shall contain a window or windows openable directly to the outside air and the total area of such window or windows shall be not less than five percent of the floor area of such room. An approved system of mechanical ventilation or air conditioning may be used in lieu of openable windows. Such system shall be capable of providing not less than four air changes per hour, except that in toilet compartments such system shall provide a complete air change every five minutes and be automatically put in operation when the toilet compartment light is in the "on" position.
- (s) <u>Water Heating Facilities</u>. Every dwelling shall have supplied water heating facilities which are installed in an approved manner and are maintained and operated in a safe and good working condition and are properly connected with the hot water lines to the kitchen sink, lavatory and bathtub or shower.
- (t) Windows and Doors. Every window and exterior door shall be reasonably weather-tight, lockable, and rodent-proof and shall be kept in good working condition and good repair. (Code 1999)

8-507.

MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR; DWELLINGS. Every dwelling and every part thereof shall be maintained in good repair by the owner or agent and be fit for human habitation. The roof shall be maintained so as not to leak and all rainwater shall be drained therefrom so as not to cause dampness in the walls or ceilings.

All floors, stairways, doors, porches, windows, skylights, chimneys, toilets, sinks, walls, and ceilings shall be kept in good repair and usable condition. (Code 1999)

8-508.

DESIGNATION OF UNFIT DWELLINGS. The designation of dwellings or dwelling units as unfit for human habitation and placarding of such unfit dwellings or dwelling units shall be carried out in compliance with the following requirements:

(a) The Public Officer may determine, or five citizens may petition in writing, that any dwelling unit is unfit for human use or habitation if he, she or they find that conditions exist in such structure which are dangerous or injurious to the health, safety or morals of the occupants of such buildings or other residents of the neighborhood, or which shall have a blighting influence on properties in the area.

(b) Such Conditions may include the following without limitation:

- (1) Defects therein increasing the hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities.
- (2) Lack of:
  - (i) Adequate ventilation.
  - (ii) Light. moon eldelided vasves profitoral
  - (iii) Cleanliness.
- (iv) Sanitary facilities.
- (3) Dilapidation.
  - (4) Disrepair.
- (5) Structural defects.
  - (6) Overcrowding.
  - (7) Inadequate ingress and egress.
  - (8) Unsightly appearance that constitute a blight to the adjoining property, the neighborhood or the city.
    - (9) Air Pollution.
    - (c) <u>Placarding Order to Vacate.</u> Any dwelling or dwelling unit condemned as unfit for human habitation, and so designated and placarded by the public officer shall be vacated within a reasonable time as so ordered.
    - (d) Notice of Violation. Procedures as outlined in section 8-512 are applicable hereto.
    - (e) <u>Compliance Required before Reoccupancy.</u> No dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned and placarded as unfit for human habitation shall again be used for human habitation until written approval is secured from, and such placard is removed by the public officer.
    - (1) The public officer shall remove such placard whenever the defect or defects upon which the condemnation and placarding action were based have been eliminated.
    - (2) It shall be unlawful for anyone to let, lease, occupy or permit the occupancy, whether for a consideration or not, of any dwelling so posted and any violation of this provision shall constitute a public offense within the meaning of this code.
    - (3) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or remove the placard from any dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned as unfit for human habitation and placarded as such, except the public officer as herein provided, and any violation of this provision shall constitute a public offense within the meaning of this code.

(Code 1999)

8-509.

DESIGNATION OF BLIGHTED PREMISES (RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL). The designation of unsightly and blighted premises and elimination thereof shall be carried out in compliance with the following requirements.

(a) The Public Officer may determine, or five citizens may petition in writing, that if the appearance of a premise is not commencerate with the character of the properties in the neighborhood or otherwise constitutes a blight to the adjoining property or the neighborhood or the city for such reasons as, but not limited to:

(1) Dead trees or other unsightly natural growth.

(2) Unsightly stored or parked material, equipment, supplies, machinery, trucks or automobiles or parts thereof; vermin infestation, inadequate drainage.

(3) Violation of any other law or regulations relating to the use of land and

the use and occupancy of the buildings and improvements.

(b) Notice of Violation. Procedures as outlined in section 8-512 are applicable hereto.

(Code 1999)

8-510.

DESIGNATION OF BLIGHTED BUILDINGS AND PREMISES (NON-RESIDENTIAL). (a) Certain Blighted Conditions covered in sections 8-508:509 concerning buildings and premises which are on the tax roll of the city are applicable to all non-residential buildings and premises.

(b) Notice of Violation. Procedures of notification shall follow those

prescribed in section 8-512.

(Code 1999)

8-511.

INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES, AND PREMISES. (a) <u>For the Purpose of Determining Compliance</u> with the provisions of this code, the public officer or his or her authorized representative is hereby authorized to make inspections to determine the condition, use, and occupancy of dwellings, dwelling units, rooming units, and the premises upon which the same are located. This requirement is applicable to existing dwellings or buildings.

(b) The Public Officer is not limited by the conditions in the above paragraph
 (a) where new construction or vacant premises are involved and may make such

inspections at any appropriate time.

- (c) The Owner, Operator, and Occupant of every dwelling, dwelling unit, and rooming unit shall give the public officer, or his or her authorized representative, during reasonable hours, free access to such dwelling, dwelling unit, and rooming unit, and its premises, for the purpose of such inspection, examination and survey after identification by proper credentials.
- (d) Every Occupant of a dwelling shall give the owner thereof, or his or her authorized agent or employee, access to any part of such dwelling, or its premises, at all reasonable times, for the purpose of making such repairs or alterations as are necessary to effect compliance with the provisions of this code or with any rule or regulation adopted and promulgated, or any order issued pursuant to the provisions of this code. (Code 1999)

8-512.

NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS; PROCEDURES. (a) <u>Informal Discussion.</u>
Whenever the public officer or his or her authorized representative determines that

there has been a violation of any provision of this code, the public officer will arrange with the alleged violator for an informal discussion of violations, and whether repair and correction is justified.

- (b) <u>Formal Hearing.</u> If a satisfactory solution to the violations, either by correction, demolition or removal, is not forthcoming, then a legal notice of a formal hearing will be issued according to the following procedures:
  - (1) Shall be in writing.
  - (2) Shall list the violations alleged to exist or to have been committed.
- (3) Shall provide a reasonable time, but not less than 30 days in any event for the correction of the violations particularized.
- (4) Shall be addressed to and served upon the owner of the property, the operator of the dwelling, and the occupant of the dwelling unit or the rooming unit concerned, if the occupant is or may be responsible for violation.
- (5) If one or more persons whom the notice is addressed cannot be found or served after diligent effort to do so, service may be made upon such person or persons by posting a notice in a conspicuous place in or about the dwelling affected by the notice, in which event the public officer or his or her authorized representative shall include in the record a statement as to why such posting was necessary.
- (6) Delivery shall be personal service or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, delivered to addressee only. If service is made by registered or certified mail, the public officer or his or her authorized representative shall include in the record a verified statement giving details regarding the mailing. (Code 1999)
- 8-513. PUBLIC OFFICER: AUTHORITY. For the purpose of protecting the city against unsightly or blighted premises, also the health, welfare, and safety of the inhabitants of dwellings or dwelling units, the public officer referred heretofore is hereby authorized, with the consent and prior knowledge of the governing body, to enforce provisions of this code and of other laws which regulate or set standards affecting buildings and premises.

  (Code 1999)
- 8-514. GOVERNING BODY; AUTHORITY. The governing body is hereby authorized:
  - (a) <u>To Informally Review</u> all alleged violations as provided in section 8-512(a) prior to notification prescribed in section 8-512(b).
    - (b) To Take Action as prescribed in section 8-512(b).
  - (c) <u>To Hear Appeals</u> where there is opposition to any order, requirement, decision or determination by the public officer in enforcement of this code as outlined in section 8-518.
  - (d) <u>Discretionary Authority</u> may be exercised in specific cases where variance from the terms of the code as:
  - (1) Will not adversely affect the public health, safety or welfare of inhabitants of the city.
    - (2) Is in harmony with the spirit of this code.
  - (3) Where literal enforcement of the code will result in unnecessary hardship. (Code 1999)

8-515.

ORDER TO CORRECT AND/OR REPAIR, REMOVE OR DEMOLISH. At the time of the placarding and order to vacate specified by section 8-508(c) hereof, the public officer shall also issue and cause to be served upon the owner a notice advising of the option of removal or demolition in lieu of correction and/or repair following the procedures as outlined in section 8-512. (Code 1999)

8-516.

- DEMOLITION BY PUBLIC OFFICER; PROCEDURE AND COSTS. Failure to Comply with the order under section 8-515 hereof for the alteration or improvement of such structure, the public officer, with the consent and prior knowledge of the governing body, may cause such condemned structure to be removed or demolished and the premises improved to eliminate the conditions outlined in section 8-509 of the code.
- (b) The Cost of Demolition by a Public Officer shall be a lien upon the property upon which the cost was incurred and such lien, including as a part thereof an allowance of his or her costs and necessary attorney's fees, may be foreclosed in judicial proceedings in the manner provided or authorized by law for loans secured by liens on real property or shall be assessed as a special assessment upon the lot or parcel of land on which the structure was located and the city clerk at the time of certifying other city taxes, shall certify the unpaid portion of the aforesaid costs and the county clerk shall extend the same on the tax rolls against the lot or parcel of land.
- (c) If the Structure is Removed or Demolished by the Public Officer he or she shall offer for bids and sell the structure or the materials of such structure. The proceeds of such sale shall be credited against the cost of the removal or demolition and, if there is any balance remaining, it shall be paid to the parties entitled thereto after deduction of costs or judicial proceedings, if any, including the necessary attorney's fees incurred therein, as determined by the court, if involved. (Code 1999)

8-517.

CONFLICT OF LAWS; EFFECT OR PARTIAL INVALIDITY. (a) Conflicts between the provisions of this code and with a provision of any zoning, building, fire, safety, or health ordinance or code of the city, existing on the effective date of this article, the provision shall prevail which establishes the higher standard.

- (b) Conflicts between this article with a provision of any other ordinance or code of the city existing on the effective date of this article which establishes a lower standard, the provisions of this article shall be deemed to prevail and such other laws or codes are hereby declared to be repealed to the extent that they may be found in conflict with this code. (Code 1999)
- 8-518.

GOVERNING BODY; APPEALS. (a) Any person, firm, or corporation considering themselves aggrieved by the decision of the public officer and who desires to present a formal protest to the governing body shall in writing, request a hearing before the governing body within 10 days after receiving notice of the decision from the public officer, as provided in section 8-512(b). Such protest and request for a hearing shall be filed with the office of the city clerk.

(b) Upon receipt of a protest and request for a hearing, the city clerk shall

notify in writing the governing body of such appeal.

- (c) The governing body shall, within 30 days of receipt of protest and request for a hearing, determine a date for the hearing.
- (d) Notice of the date for the hearing shall be sent to the appellant at least 10 days before the hearing.
- (e) Except where an immediate hazard exists as described in section 8-612 of this code, the filing of a protest and request for a hearing before the governing body as specified in subsection (a) shall operate as a stay of the enforcement of the public officer's order until such time as the governing body has reached a decision on the matter.

  (Code 1999)

8-519. RIGHT OF PETITION. After exhausting the remedy provided in section 8-518, any person aggrieved by an order issued by the public officer and approved by the governing body after a hearing on the matter, may within 30 days from the date which the order became final petition the district court of the county in which the property is located to restrain the public officer from carrying out the provisions of the order. (Code 1999)

#### ARTICLE 6. RODENT CONTROL

8-601.

- DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:
  - (a) <u>Building.</u> Any structure, whether public or private, that is adapted for occupancy as a residence, the transaction of business, the rendering of professional services, amusement, the display, sale or storage of goods, wares or merchandise or the performance of work or labor, including office buildings, public buildings, stores, theaters, markets, restaurants, workshops and all other houses, sheds and other structures on the premises used for business purposes.
    - (b) Occupant. The person that has the use of, controls or occupies any business building or any portion thereof, whether owner or tenant. In the case of vacant business buildings or any vacant portion of a business building, the owner, agent or other person having custody of the building shall have the responsibilities of an occupant of a building.
    - (c) Owner. The owner of any building or structure, whether individual, firm, partnership or corporation.
    - (d) Rat harborage. Any condition which provides shelter or protection for rats, thus favoring their multiplication and continued existence in, under or outside a structure of any kind.
  - (e) Rat-stoppage. A form of rat-proofing to prevent the ingress of rats into buildings from the exterior or from one building to another, consisting essentially of the closing of all openings in the exterior walls, ground or first floors, basements, roofs and foundations, that may be reached by rats from the ground by climbing or by burrowing, with material or equipment impervious to rat-gnawing. (Code 1999)
- 8-602. BUILDING MAINTENANCE. All buildings and structures located within the present or future boundaries of the city shall be rat-stopped, freed of rats and maintained in a rat-stopped and rat-free condition. (Code 1999)

8-603.

NOTICE TO RAT-STOP; WHEN CITY TO DO WORK. Upon receipt of written notice from the governing body, the owner of any building or structure specified therein shall take immediate measures for the rat-stoppage of such building or structure. The work shall be completed in the time specified in the written notice, which shall be within 15 days, or within the time of any written extension thereof that may have been granted by the governing body. (Code 1999)

8-604.

FAILURE TO COMPLY. If the owner fails to comply with such written notice or extension, then the governing body is authorized to take such action as may be necessary to completely rat-stop the building or structure at the expense of the owner, and the city clerk shall submit bills for the expense thereof to the owner of the building or structure. If the bills are not paid within 60 days, the city clerk shall certify the amount due to the city treasurer and the charge shall be a lien against the property where the work has been done, and the owner shall be promptly billed therefor. The expense thereof shall include the cost of labor, materials, equipment and any other actual expense necessary for rat-stoppage. (Code 1999)

8-605.

REPLACE RAT-STOPPAGE. It shall be unlawful for any occupant, owner, contractor, public utility company, plumber or any other person to remove the rat-stoppage from any building or structure for any purpose and fail to restore the same in a satisfactory condition or to make any new openings that are not closed or sealed against the entrance of rats. (Code 1999)

8-606.

NOTICE TO ERADICATE RATS. Whenever the governing body notifies in writing the owner of any building or structure theretofore rat-stopped as hereinabove defined, that there is evidence of rat infestation of the building or structure, the owner shall immediately institute appropriate measures for freeing the premises so occupied of all rats. Unless suitable measures for freeing the building or structure of rats are instituted within five days after the receipt of notice, and unless continually maintained in a satisfactory manner, the city is hereby authorized to free the building or structure of rats at the expense of the owner thereof and the city clerk shall submit bills for the expense thereof to the owner of the building or structure and if the same are not paid, the city clerk shall certify the amount due from the owner to the city treasurer, and the owner shall be promptly billed therefor. The expense thereof shall include the cost of labor, materials, equipment and any other actual expense necessary for the eradication measures. (Code 1999)

8-607.

CONDITIONS CONDUCIVE TO HARBORAGE OF RATS. (a) All food and feed kept within the city for feeding animals shall be kept and stored in rat-free and rat-proof containers, compartments, or rooms unless kept in a rat-stopped building.

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump or permit to accumulate any garbage or trash in any building or premises so that the same shall afford food and harborage for rats.

(c) It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate or to permit the accumulation on any premises or on any open lot any lumber, boxes, barrels, bricks, stone or similar materials that may be permitted to remain thereon and which are rat harborages, unless the same shall be placed on open racks that are elevated not less than 12 inches above the ground, evenly piled or stacked.

- (d) Whenever conditions inside or under any building or structure provide such extensive harborage for rats that the health department deems it necessary to eliminate such harborage, he or she may require the owner to install suitable cement floors in basements or to replace wooden first or ground floors or require the owner to correct such other interior rat harborage as may be necessary in order to facilitate the eradication of rats in a reasonable time and thereby to reduce the cost of such eradication.

  (Code 1999)
- 8-608. INSPECTIONS. The building inspector is empowered to make such inspections and re-inspections of the interior and exterior of any building or structure as in his or her opinion may be necessary to determine full compliance with this article. (Code 1999)

#### ARTICLE 7. INSURANCE PROCEEDS FUND

- 8-701. SCOPE AND APPLICATION. The city is hereby authorized to utilize the procedures established by K.S.A. 40-3901 et seq., whereby no insurance company shall pay a claim of a named insured for loss or damage to any building or other structure located within the city, arising out of any fire, explosion, or windstorm, where the amount recoverable for the loss or damage to the building or other structure under all policies is in excess of 75 percent of the face value of the policy covering such building or other insured structure, unless there is compliance with the procedures set out in this article. (Code 1999)
- 8-702. LIEN CREATED. The governing body of the city hereby creates a lien in favor of the city on the proceeds of any insurance policy based upon a covered claim payment made for damage or loss to a building or other structure located within the city, caused by or arising out of any fire, explosion, or windstorm, where the amount recoverable for all the loss or damage to the building or other structure under all policies is in excess of 75 percent of the face value of the policy(s) covering such building or other insured structure. The lien arises upon any unpaid tax, special ad valorem levy, or any other charge imposed upon real property by or on behalf of the city which is an encumbrance on real property, whether or not evidenced by written instrument, or such tax, levy, assessment, expense or other charge that has remained undischarged for at least one year prior to the filing of a proof of loss. (Code 1999)
- 8-703. SAME; ENCUMBRANCES. Prior to final settlement on any claim covered by section 8-702, the insurer or insurers shall contact the county treasurer, Crawford County, Kansas, to determine whether any such encumbrances are presently in existence. If the same are found to exist, the insurer or insurers shall execute and transmit in an amount equal to that owing under the encumbrances a draft payable to the county treasurer, Crawford County, Kansas. (Code 1999)
- 8-704. SAME; PRO RATA BASIS. Such transfer of proceeds shall be on a pro rata basis by all insurance companies insuring the building or other structure. (Code 1999)

8-705.

PROCEDURE. (a) When final settlement on a covered claim has been agreed to or arrived at between the named insured or insureds and the company or companies, and the final settlement exceeds 75 percent of the face value of the policy covering any building or other insured structure, and when all amounts due the holder of a first real estate mortgage against the building or other structure, pursuant to the terms of the policy and endorsements thereto, shall have been paid, the insurance company or companies shall execute a draft payable to the city treasurer in an amount equal to the sum of 15 percent of the covered claim payment, unless the chief building inspector of the city has issued a certificate to the insurance company or companies that the insured has removed the damaged building or other structure, as well as all associated debris, or repaired, rebuilt, or otherwise made the premises safe and secure.

(b) Such transfer of funds shall be on a pro rata basis by all companies insuring the building or other structure. Policy proceeds remaining after the transfer

to the city shall be disbursed in accordance with the policy terms.

(c) Upon the transfer of the funds as required by subsection (a) of this section, the insurance company shall provide the city with the name and address of the named insured or insureds, the total insurance coverage applicable to said building or other structure, and the amount of the final settlement agreed to or arrived at between the insurance company or companies and the insured or insureds, whereupon the chief building inspector shall contact the named insured or insureds by registered mail, notifying them that said insurance proceeds have been received by the city and apprise them of the procedures to be followed under this article.

(Code 1999)

8-706.

FUND CREATED; DEPOSIT OF MONEYS. The city treasurer is hereby authorized and shall create a fund to be known as the "Insurance Proceeds Fund." All moneys received by the city treasurer as provided for by this article shall be placed in said fund and deposited in an interest-bearing account. (Code 1999)

8-707.

BUILDING INSPECTOR; INVESTIGATION, REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE. (a) Upon receipt of moneys as provided for by this article, the city treasurer shall immediately notify the chief building inspector of said receipt, and transmit all documentation received from the insurance company or companies to the chief building inspector.

(b) Within 20 days of the receipt of said moneys, the chief building inspector shall determine, after prior investigation, whether the city shall instigate proceedings under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended.

(c) Prior to the expiration of the 20 days established by subsection (b) of this section, the chief building inspector shall notify the city treasurer whether he or she intends to initiate proceedings under K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended.

- (d) If the chief building inspector has determined that proceedings under K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended shall be initiated, he or she will do so immediately but no later than 30 days after receipt of the moneys by the city treasurer.
- (e) Upon notification to the city treasurer by the chief building inspector that no proceedings shall be initiated under K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended, the city treasurer shall return all such moneys received, plus accrued interest, to the

insured or insureds as identified in the communication from the insurance company or companies. Such return shall be accomplished within 30 days of the receipt of the moneys from the insurance company or companies. (Code 1999)

- 8-708. REMOVAL OF STRUCTURE; EXCESS MONEYS. If the chief building inspector has proceeded under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended, all moneys in excess of that which is ultimately necessary to comply with the provisions for the removal of the building or structure, less salvage value, if any, shall be paid to the insured. (Code 1999)
- 8-709. SAME; DISPOSITION OF FUNDS. If the chief building inspector, with regard to a building or other structure damaged by fire, explosion, or windstorm, determines that it is necessary to act under K.S.A. 12-1756, any proceeds received by the city treasurer under the authority of section 8-705(a) relating to that building or other structure shall be used to reimburse the city for any expenses incurred by the city in proceeding under K.S.A. 12-1756. Upon reimbursement from the insurance proceeds, the chief building inspector shall immediately effect the release of the lien resulting therefrom. Should the expenses incurred by the city exceed the insurance proceeds paid over to the city treasurer under section 8-705(a), the chief building inspector shall publish a new lien as authorized by K.S.A. 12-1756, in an amount equal to such excess expenses incurred. (Code 1999)
- 8-710. EFFECT UPON INSURANCE POLICIES. This article shall not make the city a party to any insurance contract, nor is the insurer liable to any party for any amount in excess of the proceeds otherwise payable under its insurance policy. (Code 1999)
- 8-711. INSURERS; LIABILITY. Insurers complying with this article or attempting in good faith to comply with this article shall be immune from civil and criminal liability and such action shall not be deemed in violation of K.S.A. 40-2404 and any amendments thereto, including withholding payment of any insurance proceeds pursuant to this article, or releasing or disclosing any information pursuant to this article. (Code 1999)

## **ARTICLE 8. FAIR HOUSING REGULATIONS**

- 8-804 Civil Rights | Fair Housing replaced by ORD # 529
  8-801. DEFINITIONS. For the purpose of this article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meaning given herein unless the context otherwise indicates:
  - (a) Person shall include any individual, firm, partnership or corporation.
     (b) Discriminate. To make distinctions in treatment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin of any person.
     (Ord. 403)
- 8-802. DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES DEFINED. It shall be a discriminatory practice and unlawful:

- (a) For any person, having the right, responsibility, or authority to sell, rent, lease, assign or sublease any dwelling unit, commercial unit or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, to refuse to sell, rent, lease, assign, or sublease any dwelling unit, commercial unit, real property or part or portion thereof or interest therein, to any person because of the race, color, religion, sex or national origin of the person.
- (b) For any person, having the right, responsibility or authority to sell, rent, lease, assign or sublease any dwelling unit, commercial unit or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, to impose upon any person because of the race, color, religion, sex or national origin of such person unusual, extraordinarily onerous terms, conditions or privileges in the sale, rental, leasing, assignment or subleasing of any dwelling unit, commercial unit or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, or to require a higher sale price or rental or otherwise impose terms more burdensome upon any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin and which would not be required of other persons.
- (c) For any person, engaged in lending money, guaranteeing loans, accepting mortgages or otherwise making available funds for the purchase, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair, or maintenance of any dwelling unit, commercial unit or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, to discriminate because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin of any person applying for loans or guarantees or mortgages in lending money, guaranteeing loans, accepting mortgages or otherwise making available funds for the purchase, acquisition, construction, rehabilitation, repair or maintenance of any dwelling unit, commercial unit or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, or to place unusual extraordinary, onerous rates of interest, terms or conditions on the lending of the money, the guaranteeing of the loans, acceptance of the mortgages or the availability of such funds.
- (d) For any person to discriminate in furnishing any facilities or services to any dwelling unit, commercial unit, real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, because of the race, color, religion, sex or national origin of any person making application for such facilities or services.
- (e) For any person in the real estate business, whether a dealer, broker or regardless of the capacity in which serving to discriminate in the selling, renting, leasing, assigning or subleasing of any dwelling unit, commercial unit, real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin of such person and further, to indicate in any way that any dwelling unit, commercial unit, real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, is not available for inspection, sale, rental, lease, assignment or sublease, or otherwise to deny or withhold any dwelling unit, commercial unit, real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, from any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin of such person.
- (f) For any person to include in any agreement renting to the sale, rental, lease, assignment or sublease of any dwelling unit, commercial unit, or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, as a condition of the transaction, that the purchaser, renter, tenant, occupant or assignee does agree not to sell, rent, lease, assign or sublease the dwelling unit, commercial unit, or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, to any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin of such person.

(g) For any person to engage in any form of threats or reprisal, or to engage in, or hire, or conspire with others to commit acts or activities of any nature; the purpose of which is to harass, degrade, embarrass, or to cause physical harm or economic loss to any person because such person complies with the provisions of this article or has opposed any practice forbidden under this act, or has filed a complaint, testified or assisted in any proceeding under this article.

(h) For any person to aid, abet, incite, compel, coerce, cooperate or participate in the doing of any act declared to be a discriminatory practice under the provisions of this article, or to obstruct or prevent compliance with the provisions of this article, or to attempt directly or indirectly to commit any act declared by this

article to be a discriminatory practice.

(i) For any person to induce or attempt to induce the sale or listing for sale of any dwelling unit, commercial unit or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, by representing that a change has occurred or will or may occur with respect to the racial, religious or ethnic composition of the block, neighborhood or area in which the property is located, or to induce or attempt to induce such sale by representing that the presence or anticipated presence of persons of any particular race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in the area will or may result in:

(1) The lowering of property values;

(2) A change in the racial, religious or ethnic composition of the block, neighborhood or area in which the property is located;

(3) An increase in criminal or antisocial behavior in the area;(4) A decline in the quality of the schools serving the area.

(j) To make any representations to any prospective seller, real estate broker, salesman, agent, owner, or to any financial institution for the purpose of obtaining facts or evidence of a discriminatory practice when such representation is not made for a bona fide purchase, rental or lease of real property; provided, however, this section shall not apply to any person employed by the city or the state whose duty

it is to assist in the prosecution of violations of civil rights relating to open housing.

(k) For any person having the right, responsibility or authority to sell, rent, lease, assign or sublease any dwelling unit, commercial unit or real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, to directly or indirectly advertise, or in any other manner indicate or publicize, that the purchase, rental, lease, sublease or assignment, listing, showing or the lending of funds in connection with any dwelling unit, commercial unit, real property or any part or portion thereof or interest therein, by persons of any particular race, color, religion, sex, or national origin is unwelcome, objectionable, not acceptable, or not solicited.

(Ord. 403)

8-803.

EXCEPTIONS. The provisions of this article shall not apply to the following:

- (a) Any bona fide religious institutions with respect to any qualifications it may impose based upon religion when such qualifications are related to a bona fide religious purpose.
- (b) A rental or leasing of a dwelling unit in a building which contains housing accommodations for not more than two families living independently of each other if the owner or members of his or her family reside in such dwelling unit.

(c) A rental or leasing to less than five persons living in a dwelling unit by the owner if the owner or members of his or her or reside therein. (Ord. 403)

8-804 CIVIL RIGHTS / FAIR HOUSING replaced by Ordinance #529

8-804.

ADMINISTRATION. (a) Any person claiming to have been subjected to any discriminatory practice as defined by this article may file a complaint by appearing before the Human Relations Commission of the city and furnishing such information as the Human Relations Commission may require. Any complaint filed pursuant to this section must be filed with the Human Relations Commission within 60 days of the date of the alleged incident.

- (b) Every complaint of a violation of this article shall be referred to the Human Relations Commission of the city. The Human Relations Commission shall forthwith notify the person against when the complaint is made. The identity of the aggrieved person shall be made known to the person against whom the complaint is made a that time. If the Human Relations Commission, after its investigation and the investigation, if any, conducted by authorized employees of the city, finds that there is no merit to the complaint, the same shall be dismissed. If the Human Relations Commission finds that there is merit to the complaint, in their opinion, then and in that event, the Human Relations Commission will endeavor to eliminate the alleged discriminatory practice by conference and conciliation.
- (c) If the Human Relations Commission is unable to eliminate the alleged discriminatory practice by a conference and conciliation, then and in that event, the Human Relations Commission shall forward the complaint to the city attorney for handling. The final determination of whether or not the prosecute on the complaint shall be left to the city attorney.

  (Ord. 403)

8-805.

ENFORCEMENT. (a) Any person convicted of a violation of this article shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000, or by confinement in the city jail for not more than 30 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

(b) The city attorney, instead of filing a complaint in municipal court of the city, may, as an alternative remedy, seek to have the alleged discriminatory practices abated by an action for an injunction to be maintained in the appropriate district court of the State of Kansas.
(Ord. 403)

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 529**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING AND AMENDING CHAPTER 8, ARTICLE 8, SECTION 8-804 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS AND ADOPTING A REVISED ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE OR HANDLING A CIVIL RIGHTS/FAIR HOUSING COMPLAINT WITHIN THE CITY OF CHEROKEE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY CHEROKEE, KANSAS

#### Section 1.

That Chapter 8, Article 8, Section 8-804 is hereby repealed and the following should be the new Article 8, Section 8-804:

We, the City Council of Cherokee adopt the following procedures for handling a civil rights/fair housing complaint(s) within our City.

- The City Clerk shall receive all complaints within his/her office and the complaint shall then be formally introduced to the City Council at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- We, the City Council shall try to assist in resolving the conflict between the parties involved. If a resolution of the problem cannot be reached, then we will forward the complaint to the proper authorities.
- 3) Fair housing discrimination complaints will be submitted to HUD by phone, letter, and/or a HUD-903 form. All such complaints will be submitted to HUD at:

Department of Housing and Urban Development Kansas City Regional Office, Region VII Office of Fair Housing & Equal Opportunity Gateway Tower II - 400 State Avenue Kansas City, KS 66101

or by calling the Housing Discrimination Complaint HOTLINE 1-800-669-9777.

4) In the event of a civil rights complaint, we agree to also contact the following agencies:

Kansas Human Rights Council 900 Jackson Street - 8th Floor Topeka, KS 66612 (785) 296-3206

Kansas Department of Commerce

1000 S.W. Jackson St., Suite 100 Topeka, KS 66612-1354 (785) 296-3004

We do hereby adopt these procedures in resolving any civil rights/fair housing complaints.

# Section 2.

This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication according to law.

PASSED BY the Council of the City of Cherokee, Kansas and approved by the Mayor on this 12 day of May \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

Dale Thompson

Mayor, City of Cherokee

ATTEST:

Marianne Kossman

City Clerk

City Seal

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 510**

#### TRACTOR-TRAILER STORAGE ORDINANCE

An ordinance to secure the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents and property owners of the City of Cherokee, Crawford County, Kansas, a city of the second class, by regulation of the outdoor parking and use of tractor-trailers for storage and parts thereof or junk therefrom, within the City of Cherokee; and to provide penalties for the violation of this ordinance.

# BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS:

**SECTION 1: NAME** 

This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Cherokee Tractor-Trailer Storage Ordinance".

**SECTION 2: PURPOSE** 

The purpose of this Ordinance is to limit and restrict the outdoor parking of tractor-trailers and use of tractor-trailers for storage, and or parts thereof or junk therefrom upon premises within the City; to thereby avoid injury and hazards to children and others attracted to such trailers, the devaluation of property values, and the psychological ill effect of the presence of such trailers upon adjoining residents and property owners.

#### **SECTION 3: REGULATIONS**

- (1) No person, firm, or corporation shall park, store, or place upon any public right-ofway or upon any premises within the City, any tractor-trailer parts thereof or junk therefrom, unless the same is wholly contained within a fully enclosed building and does not violate any zoning or building laws of the City of Cherokee, the County of Crawford, or the State of Kansas, except for the following:
  - a. Duly licensed and operable vehicles or trailers with substantially all main component parts attached;
  - b. Trailers that are temporarily inoperable because of minor mechanical failure, but which are not, in any manner, dismantled and have substantially all main component parts attached, which may remain for not to exceed fourteen (14) days;
  - c. Any tractor-trailer so parked, stored or placed must be parked in a garage or other building if available. If no garage or other building is available, then there

shall be no more than one (1) tractor-trailer parked on the premises. In no event shall any such vehicle be parked in the front or side street yard area of any such residential premises; and

- d. Any person, firm, or corporation that intends to use a tractor-trailer for storage purposes must submit a request for approval for placement of the tractor-trailer of the property. The City Council reserves the right to deny any such request for placement of a tractor-trailer for reasons stated above or upon any other rational basis.
- e. Any tractor-trailer placed for storage purposes must have wheels, suspension, and jacks removed from the tractor-trailer and the tractor-trailer unit must be placed no higher than 18" from the ground. The tractor-trailer must be maintained in good, clean serviceable condition, including, but not limited to weatherproofing, paint and additional requirements as may be stated by the council as conditions of granting an application.
- f. In the case of an application for use of a tractor-trailer for storage purposes, any person, firm, or corporation shall have Thirty (30) days from the date the application is approved to comply with regulations and requirements of this ordinance. Any violator shall be punishable as defined in Section 6 of this ordinance.

#### **SECTION 4: NUISANCE**

Any tractor-trailer or the parking, storage, placement, or operation thereof in violation of the provisions of this Ordinance hereby is declared to be a public nuisance which may be enjoining or which may subject the violator to civil damages and the fines and penalties herein provided for.

#### **SECTION 5: CONSTRUCTION**

This ordinance shall not prevent the operation of any licensed junk yard, salvage yard, garage, body, or paint shop legally operating within a properly zoned and shall be in addition to any other laws or ordinances with respect to rubbish, refuse, litter, trash, or junk control and regulations.

#### **SECTION 6: PENALTY**

Any person, firm, or corporation that violates any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a civil infraction and shall be subject to a civil fine for a first offense of \$100.00. A second repeat offense shall be subject to a civil fine of \$200.00. Any repeat offenses thereafter shall be subject to a civil fine of \$500.00. Each day that a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation.

#### SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

The provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable, and if any clause, sentence, word, section or provision is declared void or unenforceable for any reason by any court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect any portion of the Ordinance other than said part or portion thereof.

## **SECTION 8: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Ed Burns, City Clerk

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#### CHAPTER IX. MUNICIPAL COURT

Article 1. General Provisions

Charter Ordinance #2010-1 Court Costs Charter Ordinance #2016-4 Court Costs

## **ARTICLE 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- 9-101. MUNICIPAL COURT ESTABLISHED. There is hereby established a municipal court for the City of Cherokee, Kansas. The municipal court shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine cases involving violations of the ordinances of the city. (Code 1999)
- 9-102. SAME; PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE. The Kansas code of procedure for municipal courts, as set forth in K.S.A. 12-4101 et seq. and all acts amendatory or supplemental thereto shall govern the practice and procedure in all cases in the municipal court. (Code 1999)
- 9-103. TIME AND PLACE OF SESSIONS. Municipal court shall be held in the municipal courtroom in the city hall building on such days and at such hours as the municipal judge designates. (Code 1999)
- 9-104. MUNICIPAL JUDGE; APPOINTMENT. The municipal court shall be presided over by a municipal judge. The mayor, subject to the approval of the city council, shall appoint the judge of the municipal court. (Code 1999)
- 9-105. SAME; ABSENCE; VACANCY; PRO TEM. In the event the municipal judge is temporarily unable to preside due to absence, illness or disqualification, the municipal judge shall designate an attorney or other qualified person to act as judge pro tempore. In the event the municipal judge fails to appoint a judge pro tempore, the judge pro tempore shall be appointed in the same manner as the municipal judge is selected. The judge pro tempore shall receive compensation as shall be provided by ordinance, payable in the same manner as the compensation of the regular municipal judge.

In the event a vacancy shall occur in the office of municipal judge, a successor shall be appointed to fill the unexpired term in the same manner as the municipal judge was appointed. (K.S.A. 12-4107; Code 1999)

- 9-106. SAME; POWERS AND DUTIES. The municipal judge shall have such powers and duties as set forth in the Kansas code of procedure for municipal courts (K.S.A. 12-4101 et seq.) and all acts amendatory or supplemental thereto. (Code 1999)
- 9-107. SAME; SALARY. The municipal judge shall receive a salary as shall be fixed by ordinance. (Code 1999)
- 9-108. COURT CLERK. There is hereby established the office of the clerk of the municipal court of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, which office shall be filled by

appointment by the municipal judge of the municipal court. The duties of the office shall be those prescribed by the Code for Municipal Courts set forth in Chapter 12, Article 41 of the Kansas Statutes, and shall include the following duties:

- (a) The clerk shall issue all process of the court, administer oaths, file and preserve all papers, docket cases and set same for trial and shall perform such further acts as may be necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities of the court. The clerk shall receive, account for and pay to the city treasurer monthly all fines and forfeited bonds paid into the court. The clerk shall make reports to the judicial administrator and furnish the information when requested by him, her or a departmental justice on such forms furnished by the judicial administrator, and approved by the supreme court.
- (b) The clerk of the municipal court shall within 10 days after selection and before entering upon the duties of office, execute to the city such bond as the governing body may require, which shall be approved by the governing body, and file in the office of the city clerk, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties required of him or her by law, and for the faithful application and payment of all moneys that may come into his or her hands in the execution of the duties of the office. The city shall pay the cost of such bond.
  - (c) The monthly salary of the clerk shall be fixed by ordinance.
- (d) A majority of all members of the council may remove the clerk appointed under the authority of this article, or for good cause the mayor may temporarily suspend any such appointed clerk.

  (K.S.A. Supp. 12-4108; Code 1999)
- 9-109. PAYMENT OF FINE. Where a municipal court judgment against any person results in a fine and/or court costs only, the same shall be satisfied by paying the amount of such fine and/or court costs to the municipal court immediately on the rendition of judgment, or at such time as the municipal judge shall determine. (Code 1999)
  - 9-110. SAME; FAILURE TO PAY SEPARATE VIOLATION. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully fail to pay any lawfully imposed fine for a violation of any law of the city within the time authorized by the court and without lawful excuse having been presented to the court on or before the date the fine is due. Such conduct constitutes a violation of this article, regardless of the full payment of the fine after such time. (Code 1999)
  - 9-111. FAILURE TO APPEAR. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person charged with violation of any law of the city to fail to appear before the municipal court when so scheduled to appear, unless lawful excuse for absence is presented to the court on or before the time and date scheduled for appearance.
    - (b) For the purpose of subsection (a), failure to appear shall include willfully incurring a forfeiture of an appearance bond and failure to surrender oneself within 30 days following the date of such forfeiture by one who is charged with a violation of the laws of the city and has been released on bond for appearance before the municipal court for trial or other proceeding prior to conviction, or willfully incurring a forfeiture of an appearance bond and failing to surrender oneself within 30 days after his or her conviction of a violation of the laws of the city has become final by one who has been released on an appearance bond by any court of this state.

(c) Any person who is released upon his or her own recognizance, without surety, or who fails to appear in response to a summons, notice to appear, or traffic citation duly served upon him or her personally shall be deemed a person released on bond for appearance within the meaning of subsection (b) of this section.

(d) Failure to appear, upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable by

incarceration for up to 30 days and/or a fine of up to \$250. (Code 1999)

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9-112. COURT COSTS. In each case filed in municipal court where there is a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, forfeiture of bond, or a diversion, a sum in the amount of \$20 shall be assessed as court costs and shall be paid over by the judge of the municipal court to the city clerk into the general fund of the City of Cherokee, Kansas. For the purpose of determining the amount of court costs to be assessed in accordance with this ordinance, if more than one complaint is filed against one individual arising out of the same incident, all such complaints shall be considered as one case for assessment purposes. (C.O. No. 1991-1, Sec. 2)

9-113. SAME; EXCEPTION. Court costs as set forth shall not be assessed on parking tickets. (C.O. No. 1991-1, Sec. 3)

9-114. SAME; WORK RELEASE. If any defendant convicted of a violation of an ordinance of the City of Cherokee is sentenced to a term of confinement in the county jail and applies for work release, the municipal judge, as a of granting work release to the defendants, may assess as costs and require the defendant to pay over to the city clerk of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, any and all costs which may be assessed by the county sheriff against the City of Cherokee, Kansas, for the costs of confinement, medical care or any other incidental costs charged to the City of Cherokee, Kansas. The municipal judge may require that the payment and reimbursement of such costs to the city clerk of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, be made by the defendant on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis and is further authorized to make an order requiring the defendants employer to make such payments directly to the city clerk as a condition of the work release order granted to the defendant. (C.O. No. 1991-1, Sec. 4)

# CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2016-4

A CHARTER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1991-1, AS AMENDED BY CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 2010-1, EXEMPTING THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. § 12-4112 AND ANY ACT AMENDATORY THEREOF, AMENDING §§ 9-112, 9-113, 9-114 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE PROVISIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to power vested in the City by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, the City of Cherokee, Kansas has the power by charter ordinance to exempt the City from the whole or any part of any enactment of the Kansas Legislature and to provide substitute and additional provisions on the same subject; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Ordinance No. 1991-1, as amended by Charter Ordinance No. 2010-1, the City of Cherokee, Kansas did exempt itself from the provisions of K.S.A. § 12-4112 and make substitute provisions therefore, and now desires to further amend that Charter Ordinance and the corresponding sections of the City Code of the City of Cherokee, Kansas to raise Court Costs to \$\_80.00 per case.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council and Mayor of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, as follows:

Section 1. The City of Cherokee, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. § 12-4112 and to make the following substitute provisions therefore.

Section 2. Section 9-112 of the Code of the City of Cherokee, Kansas hereby is amended to read as follows:

§ 9-112. In each case filed in the Municipal Court in which there is a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, forfeiture of bond, or a diversion, the sum of \$ 80.00 shall be assessed as court costs and shall be paid over by the Municipal Court to the City Clerk into the General Fund of the City of Cherokee, Kansas. For the purpose of determining the amount of court costs to be assessed in accordance with this ordinance, if more than one complaint is filed against one individual arising out of the same incident, all such complaints shall be considered as one case for the purpose of assessment of Court costs.

Section 3. Section 9-113 of the Code of the City of Cherokee, Kansas hereby is amended to read as follows:

§ 9-113. Court costs as set forth above shall not be assessed on parking tickets.

Section 4. Section 9-114 of the Code of the City of Cherokee, Kansas hereby is amended to read as follows:

§ 9-114. If any defendant convicted of a violation of an ordinance of the City of Cherokee is sentenced to a term of confinement in the County Jail and applies for work release, the Municipal Judge, as a condition of granting work release to the defendant, may assess as costs and require the defendant to pay over to the City Clerk of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, any and all costs which may be assessed by the County Sheriff against the City of Cherokee, Kansas, for the costs of confinement, medical care or any other incidental costs charged to the City of Cherokee, Kansas. The Municipal Judge may require that the payment and reimbursement of such costs to the City Clerk of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, be made by the defendant on a daily, weekly, or monthly basis and is further authorized to make an order requiring the defendant's employer to make such payments directly to the City Clerk as a condition of the work release order granted to the defendant.

Section 5. Charter Ordinance No. 1991-1, as amended by Charter Ordinance No. 2010-1, is hereby amended to conform to the terms hereof and restated by this Charter Ordinance No. 2016-4, and any and all prior ordinances, motions, and actions considered, adopted or taken by the City of Cherokee, Kansas in conflict with the provisions of this Charter Ordinance, are hereby amended, rescinded or repealed, as the case may be, as of the effective date of this Charter Ordinance No.2016-4

Section 6. This Charter Ordinance shall take effect on the sixty-first (61<sup>st</sup>) day after the date of the final publication hereof in an official County newspaper as provided in Section 7 hereof, unless a sufficient petition for a referendum is filed and such a referendum is held on this Charter Ordinance as provided under Article 12, § 5(c)(3) of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, in which case this Charter Ordinance shall become effective upon, and only upon, the approval of a majority of the electors voting thereon.

Section 7. The City Clerk is hereby directed to see to the publication of this Charter Ordinance in an official county newspaper once each week for two consecutive weeks, in accordance with Article 12,  $\S 5(c)(3)$  of the Constitution of the State of Kansas.

Adopted by unanimous vote of the City Council and Mayor of the City of Cherokee, Kansas without a referendum and given under our hands at the City Hall in Cherokee, Kansas, this <a href="mailto:11">11</a> day of <a href="mailto:August">August</a>, 2016.

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Mike Milford

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J. Dale Thompson, Mayor

ATTEST:

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# **CHARTER ORDINANCE NO 2010-1**

A CHARTER ORDINANCE AMENDING CHARTER ORDINANCE NO. 1991-1, EXEMPTING THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS FROM THE PROVISIONS OF K.S.A. § 12-4112 AND ANY ACT AMENDATORY THEREOF, AMENDING §§ 9-112, 9-113, 9-114 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS, AND PROVIDING SUBSTITUTE PROVISIONS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF COURT COSTS IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF CHEROKEE, KANSAS AND ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to power vested in the City by Article 12, Section 5 of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, the City of Cherokee, Kansas has the

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power by charter ordinance to exempt the City from the whole or any part of any enactment of the Kansas Legislature and to provide substitute and additional provisions on the same subject; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Charter Ordinance No. 1991-1, the City of Cherokee, Kansas did exempt itself from the provisions of K.S.A. § 12-4112 and make substitute provisions therefore, and now desires to further amend that Charter Ordinance and the corresponding sections of the City Code of the City of Cherokee, Kansas to raise Court Costs to \$75.00 per case.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City €ouncil and Mayor of the City of Cherokee, Kansas, as follows:

**Section 1** The City of Cherokee, Kansas, by the power vested in it by Article 12, Section 5, of the Constitution of the State of Kansas, hereby elects to exempt itself and make inapplicable to it the provisions of K.S.A. § 12-4112 and to make the following substitute provisions therefore.

**Section 2** Section 9-112 of the Code of the City of Cherokee, Kansas hereby is amended to read as follows:

§ 9-112. In each case filed in the Municipal Court in which there is a finding of guilty, a plea of guilty, a plea of no contest, forfeiture of bond, or a diversion, the sum of\$75.00 shall be assessed as court costs and shall be paid over by the Municipal Court to the City Clerk into the General Fund of the City of Cherokee, Kansas. For the purpose of determining the amount of court costs to be assessed in accordance with this ordinance, if more than one complaint is filed against one individual arising out of the same incident; all such complaints shall be considered as one case for the purpose of assessment of Court costs.

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**Section 5** Charter Ordinance No. 1991-1 is hereby amended to conform to the terms hereof and restated by this Charter Ordinance No. 2010-1, and any and all prior ordinances, motions, and actions considered, adopted or taken by the City of Cherokee, Kansas in conflict with the provisions of this Charter Ordinance, are hereby amended, rescinded or repealed, as the case may be, as of the effective date of this Charter Ordinance No. 2010-1.

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Adopted by unanimous vote of the City Council and Mayor of the City of Cherokee, Kansas without a referendum and given under our hands at the City Hall in Cherokee, Kansas, this J t-I-, day of July, 2010.

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