

**GOOD NEIGHBOR AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
LAWRENCE COMMUNITY SHELTER
AND
ITS NEIGHBORS**

The Lawrence Community Shelter, Inc. (LCS), renting property at 214 West 10th/944 Kentucky Streets, is a non-profit organization that provides safe shelter and comprehensive support services and programs that provide a path to a positive future for people experiencing homelessness and people who are at risk of homelessness in Lawrence, Kansas.

The neighbors of the Lawrence Community Shelter include residents of the Oread Neighborhood Association, businesses of Downtown Lawrence, Inc., and other renters and owners within a reasonable distance of the shelter.

All parties to this Agreement share a common desire to:

1. Maintain a peaceful, safe, and clean neighborhood
2. Share open and honest communications
3. Help each other address concerns and solve problems
4. Offer public service for the benefit of the neighborhood and the homeless community

In order to accomplish these goals, the parties to the Agreement are united in support of the commitments described below:

1. Property

Property owners have a responsibility to keep their properties well-maintained. It is desirable for property owners and residents to show pride in the community by caring for public spaces, and by assisting in maintaining and improving the landscape. In order to maintain property at the highest possible condition,

The Lawrence Community Shelter will:

- A. Intervene when fighting occurs on the LCS property
- B. Insure that bicycles are parked at the bicycle rack
- C. Deal with behavior attributed to drunkenness
- D. Prevent animals from staying on the LCS property and being tied to trees or porches
- E. Remove litter and other contributions to blight
- F. Discourage people congregating, sitting, or lying down in the alley
- G. Prohibit extended parking of seldom used or broken-down vehicles
- H. Continue its monthly neighborhood clean-up tours
- I. Encourage guests of LCS to use the rear patio as much as possible

The neighbors will:

- A. Make note of the condition of the building and grounds, and report to the LCS when property issues require attention
- B. Help develop and participate in volunteer activities to create a more attractive neighborhood

2. Safety

Safety and security are essential for citizens to live peacefully and free from harm, and for neighborhoods to remain desirable and attractive. Property owners and residents share the responsibility of creating and maintaining a safe and secure neighborhood. In order to promote safety and security for all residents of the neighborhood, including guests of the shelter,

The Lawrence Community Shelter will:

- A.
- B.

The neighbors will:

- A. Provide comments and suggestions for improving safety at the LCS.
- B. Review summary reports of incidents, program outcomes, and neighborhood concerns from the LCS

3. Communications

Communication between the Lawrence Community Shelter and the neighboring community is important to develop and to maintain positive relationships. Progress reports help make the community aware of positive developments and efforts to achieve success. Awareness of upcoming events offers the community ways to interact with residents and staff, and helps both parties become more integrated. Methods will be established to ensure routine communications, feedback, and monitoring of this Agreement. In order to promote communication between the program and the neighborhood,

The Lawrence Community Shelter will:

- A. Hold semi-annual public meetings for the community at large
- B. Publicize contact information to register comments and concerns with the LCS director
- C. Respond promptly
- D. Document and report positive outcomes
- E. Provide notice of upcoming events and invite the community when appropriate.

The neighbors will:

- A. Encourage community attendance at events
- B. Meet with the LCS at semi-annual gatherings
- C. Monitor progress and commitments within this Agreement and offer suggestions and advice
- D. Serve as a vehicle for communications
- E. Notify LCS of repeated issues
- F. Seek resolution of community concerns

4. Changes to Agreement

This Agreement may be changed or modified from time to time upon mutual agreement of the Lawrence Community Shelter and a public process with its neighbors.