RESOLUTION 13-2025

WHEREAS, the City of Leon, Kansas, has determined that this property has an exterior condition (yard) and (structure) that is a blight to the neighborhood that exist upon the following described real estate as defined in the Code of the City, Section 8-608: 204 W. Charles Street, Leon, Kansas.

WHEREAS the owner(s), Jeff Elliott was notified of such by the City in writing and failed to abate the conditions fully as requested;

WHEREAS the Leon Code Enforcement/Public Officer, Geri Ebersohl, determined the property is a blight to the neighborhood and community and has 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 most recently on September 10, 2024;

WHEREAS the owner(s), Jeff Elliott was notified by certified mail service on October 15, 2024, he signed for the certified mail on October 18, 2024, that stated the city's determination the property is a blight to the neighborhood and community and has 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;

WHEREAS the owner(s), Jeff Elliott requested a Public hearing within the allotted given time and Jeff Elliott was notified of their public hearing date by personal service within the 5 days allotted by the City Code;

WHEREAS a Public Hearing was completed on December 2, 2024, with Jeff Elliott and the governing body;

WHEREAS the City of Leon Code allows in addition to or as an alternative to prosecution, the Code enforcement officer/Public officer to pursue abatement of the violation by adoption of a resolution authorizing the City to abate the conditions;

WHEREAS the City of Leon governing body did allow Jeff Elliott more time, in the past, as he has requested to alleviate the conditions but has failed to do so;

WHEREAS the City of Leon governing body, at the request of the Leon Code Enforcement/Public Officer, Geri Ebersohl, did allow Jeff Elliott one hundred and eighty (180) additional days to come into complete compliance of the City Codes at the last Public Hearing on January 03, 2023, and he failed to do so;

WHEREAS the City of Leon governing body determines complete compliance involves having the fence gate completed, the fence painted with a paint that will adhere to tin, the exterior building behind the Quonset hut torn down and removed, all articles in the yard behind the fence, all vehicles currently registered with the State of Kansas, placed behind the fence, or removed from the property, the mobile home trailer used for storage to be in good exterior condition and complying with the current city codes (including utilities turned on), the mobile home trailer must also be removed or in present condition to be habitable, brush removed from the property, and items that could be present or added in the one hundred and eighty (180) days be in compliance with the City of Leon current codes.

WHEREAS at the completion of one hundred and eighty (180) days significant progress has been made but not completed Jeff Elliott is to attend the next scheduled meeting to ask for additional time.

WHEREAS Jeff Elliott did not follow through with the above conditions and the governing body is going to allow sixty (60) days, this allows for thirty (30) days past his other address to become compliant.

WHEREAS the City of Leon governing body allows, due to the weather, thirty (30) additional days from this passage of the Resolution to show any progress with the stated improvements listed in this Resolution;

WHEREAS the City of Leon Code allows, in addition to or as an alternative to prosecution, the above set out conditions in this Resolution to be resolved or on April 7th a Resolution authorizing the City of Leon to abate the Public Nuisance(s) that remain;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, that the City, if after the times given, it is necessary to abate the conditions to improve the premises to eliminate the conditions, will place a lien upon the property for the costs of the abatement that the city clerk certify such costs to the county clerk for assessment to the property taxes of the described property;

IN ADDITION, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, that the public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court against any person found to be in violation of section 8-608. Upon such complaint in the municipal court, if found to be in violation of section 8-608 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. A separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which such violation is permitted to exist.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, this 3rd day of March 2025.

ATTEST:

Jodie Laidler, City Clerk

Kristina Semisch, Mayor