

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS, REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 525 W. MECHANIC ST., LEON, KANSAS, IN CONNECTION WITH CONDITIONS DEEMED A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND BLIGHT TO THE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, the City of Leon, Kansas, has determined that the property located at 525 W. Mechanic St., Leon, Kansas, is in violation of city code and exhibits exterior conditions, including yard and structure-related issues, that constitute a blight to the neighborhood as defined in Section 8-105 and Section 8-608 of the Code of the City of Leon;

WHEREAS, this Resolution addresses the entire property at 525 W. Mechanic St., including the two-story white house and all yard elements such as dirt, trees, grass, and structures;

WHEREAS, the property owner, Regina Abbott, attended the governing body meeting held on March 3, 2025;

WHEREAS, at that time, the governing body granted the owner thirty (30) days to bring the property into full compliance or show significant progress, as determined by the governing body;

WHEREAS, the owner did comply with scheduling the required walkthrough of the property but, to date, has only completed one item on the list of required actions;

WHEREAS, the owner has maintained communication with the city and made partial efforts toward progress;

WHEREAS, the Leon Code Enforcement/Public Officer, Geri Ebersohl, continues to determine the property constitutes a blight and poses a risk to the health, safety, and welfare of the neighborhood and community;

WHEREAS, the City of Leon Governing Body recognizes the owner's communication and effort and is granting an additional extension through May 5, 2025, in order to continue making sufficient progress;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas:

The owner, Regina Abbott, is granted an extension through May 5, 2025, to demonstrate sufficient and ongoing progress, to be reviewed by the Governing Body at the regular council meeting on that date.

The owner is required to attend the May 5, 2025, council meeting in person. Failure to appear may result in further action being taken without additional opportunity for input.

Due to weather delays and prior extensions, the City grants thirty (30) additional days from the passage of this Resolution (April 7, 2025) for the following requirements to be completed:

- All exterior buildings must be in a safe and repaired condition, free from broken windows, doors, hinges, siding, or similar structural issues.
- All items on the property, including vehicles, farm equipment, and machinery, must be compliant with current City Code.

Within the same 30-day period, trees, bushes, and overgrowth must be trimmed or lifted sufficiently to allow for mowing or weed-eating beneath. All resulting debris, wood, and trimmings must be hauled off the property and properly disposed of.

Should the property fail to show sufficient progress by May 5, 2025, the City may move forward with a Resolution authorizing the abatement of the public nuisance, including but not limited to cleanup, demolition, or necessary repairs. All costs incurred by the City may be assessed as a lien on the property and certified by the City Clerk to the County Clerk for inclusion on the property's tax bill.


In addition to or in place of abatement, the Public Officer may file a complaint in municipal court for violation of Section 8-608 of the City Code. Upon conviction, the violator may be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) and not more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or both. Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, this 7th day of April 2025.



Kristina Semisch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jodie Laidler, City Clerk

