

RESOLUTION NO. 27-2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS TO ABATE A PUBLIC NUISANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Leon hereby authorizes the abatement of a public nuisance pursuant to Ordinance No. 700, Chapter 8 Article 6 for the real estate located at 603 N. Main Street, Leon, Kansas, within the city limits of Leon, Kansas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Leon has served notice of nuisance violations pursuant to Ordinance No. 700, Chapter 8 Article 6, Section 609, upon the owner of said property, Ellis Ehrlich, who has failed to fully abate the conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the conditions on the premises include uncleanness, the presence of unsightly stored material, equipment, supplies, machinery, and other items which have caused a blight to the neighborhood, in violation of Section 8-608(a)(1)(3) of the Code of the City of Leon.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Leon Code Enforcement/Public Officer, Geri Ebersohl, formally determined the property to be unsightly and hazardous on October 10, 2024. The property continues to pose a risk to public health, safety, and general welfare and is detrimental to surrounding properties and the neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the owner, Ellis Ehrlich, was sent certified notice, which he signed for on February 13, 2025, acknowledging the city's determination and the need to remedy the violations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City began working with the property owner in January 2025, providing opportunities and extensions to achieve compliance. Despite these efforts, no significant progress has been made, and the property remains in violation of the City Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the owner has not requested additional time, responded to recent mailings, nor requested a public hearing. The City has attempted communication in good faith and now deems formal abatement necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Leon will attempt personal service of this resolution. If that fails, this resolution shall be sent by certified mail, published for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper (www.cityofleon.org), and posted on the property itself, as allowed by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, pursuant to Ordinance No. 700, Chapter 8 Article 6, if after ten (10) business days following passage of this resolution, the property remains in

violation, the City of Leon authorizes its public officials or designated agents to enter the property and abate the conditions causing the nuisance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the costs incurred by the City of Leon in performing this abatement shall be charged against the lot or parcel of land. If the abatement costs are not paid within thirty (30) days of billing, the costs shall be certified by the City Clerk to the County Clerk and assessed to the property taxes in accordance with K.S.A. 12-1,115, and amendments thereto.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in addition to abatement, the Public Officer may file a complaint in municipal court. Upon conviction for violation of Section 8-608(a)(1)(3) of the City Code, the violator shall be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100) per day, or by imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City of Leon hereby authorizes the abatement or removal of the public nuisance as stated in this Resolution and consistent with City Code.

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

