RESOLUTION 31-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS, REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 319 W. MECHANIC STREET, LEON, KANSAS, IN CONNECTION WITH CONDITIONS DEEMED A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND PROPERTY VIOLATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Leon, Kansas, has determined that the property located at 319 W. Mechanic St., Leon, Kansas, is in violation of City Code and exhibits exterior yard and structure conditions, nuisance-related issues, and vehicle violations that constitute a blight to the neighborhood as defined in Sections 8-101(a)(e)(g), 8-203(1)(2), 8-207(a)(1), and 8-608(a)(1)(a)(3) of the Code of the City of Leon;

WHEREAS, the property owner, William C. Heyman, was notified in writing by certified mail on January 14, 2025, and signed for that notice on January 29, 2025, acknowledging the City's determination that the property was a public nuisance;

WHEREAS, the City's Code Enforcement/Public Officer, Geri Ebersohl, confirmed the conditions during a property inspection conducted on January 13, 2025;

WHEREAS, the owner did not request a public hearing within the time provided by City Code, nor has full compliance been achieved;

WHEREAS, the City of Leon has previously granted the owner additional time to address the violations; however, progress has been limited;

WHEREAS, full compliance includes:

- Removal or proper placement of all articles stored in the yard behind the fence;
- All vehicles must be currently registered with the State of Kansas, and either placed behind the fence or removed from the property;
- Removal of brush and debris from the property;
- Elimination of any temporary fences or structures;
- And ensuring that any new or remaining items are brought into full compliance with current City Code;

WHEREAS, due to the property owner's ongoing major health condition and visible improvements being made with the support of neighbors, the City of Leon governing body is granting one final extension of sixty (60) days from the date of this Resolution to bring the property into full compliance;

WHEREAS, the City of Leon Code allows, in addition to or as an alternative to prosecution, the resolution of these conditions through the adoption of a resolution authorizing abatement should compliance not be achieved.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, that the City grants the property owner sixty (60) days from April 7, 2025, to fully resolve the violations at 319 W. Mechanic Street or to present a complete plan of compliance to the governing body.

IN ADDITION, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, that if the property remains in violation following this period, the City may proceed with abatement and place a lien upon the property for the costs incurred. The City Clerk shall certify such costs to the County Clerk for assessment to the property taxes of the described real estate.

IN ADDITION, the Public Officer may file a complaint in municipal court against any person found in violation of Section 8-608. Upon conviction, the violator may be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor

more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or imprisoned for not more than thirty (30) days, or both. Each day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Kristina Semisch, Mayor

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

ATTEST:

Jodie Laidler, City Clerk

