RESOLUTION 29-2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LEON, KANSAS, REGARDING THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 204 W. CHARLES STREET, 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 204 W. Charles Street, Leon, Kansas, is in violation of City Code and exhibits exterior conditions, including yard and structural issues, that constitute a blight to the neighborhood as defined in Section 8-608 of the Code of the City of Leon;

WHEREAS, the Leon Code Enforcement/Public Officer, Geri Ebersohl, made this determination most recently on September 10, 2024;

WHEREAS, the property owner, Jeff Elliott, was notified by certified mail on October 15, 2024, and signed for the mailing on October 18, 2024;

WHEREAS, the property owner requested and received a public hearing, which was held before the governing body on December 2, 2024;

WHEREAS, at that hearing and through prior communication, the City granted the owner multiple opportunities over a period of time, including a 180-day extension beginning January 3, 2023, to bring the property into full compliance;

WHEREAS, complete compliance includes:

- Repairing and painting the fence and gate with appropriate paint;
- Removing the structure behind the Quonset hut;
- Clearing brush and miscellaneous articles from the yard;
- Ensuring all vehicles are registered, removed, or placed properly behind the fence;
- Bringing the storage trailer into good condition with utilities on, or removing it from the property;
- And ensuring that all present or added items meet current City Code;

WHEREAS, although the property owner appeared as required before the governing body, no progress has been made since the last meeting, and the required walkthrough has not been scheduled;

WHEREAS, the City of Leon governing body is granting one final extension of thirty (30) days from the passage of this resolution to show visible and sufficient progress;

WHEREAS, if no sufficient progress is shown, the City will proceed with an abatement resolution authorizing cleanup or corrective action;

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Governing Body of the City of Leon, Kansas, that if the conditions on the property remain in violation after this thirty (30) day period, the City will take action to abate the nuisance. A lien will be placed upon the property for the costs of abatement,

and the City Clerk shall 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 municipal court against any person found to be in violation of Section 8-608. Upon conviction, the violator may be punished by a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100), or by imprisonment for not more than thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day the 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