

**IN LIEU OF  
DIRECTORS' MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

**I. CITY CLERK**

1. 2009 International Mechanical Code, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, and mechanical chapters of the 2009 International Residential Code amendments.
2. Plumbing Code Task Force, 2009 Plumbing Code.

**II. MAYOR**

1. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler and Kevin Wailes, CEO of LES, will hold a news conference Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the County-City Building, to discuss the success of Lincoln's Energy Challenge and the kick off of LES's kilowattchers™ energy savings website.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler names Douglas McDaniel as Lincoln-Lancaster County Personnel Director.
3. NEWS RELEASE. As Lincoln Energy Challenge ends, kilowattchers™ website unveiled.
4. NEWS ADVISORY. Mayor Beutler will hold a news conference on Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at the Post & Nickel, 144 N. 14<sup>th</sup> Street, to encourage residents to shop at locally owned businesses, and two retail promotions.
5. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor encourages shoppers to buy local.
6. NEWS RELEASE. StarTran named one of the Top 200 Bus Fleets.
7. NEWS RELEASE. FEMA proposes modifications to base flood elevations for Little Salt Creek.

**III. DIRECTORS**

**CITY LIBRARIES**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Library Board vacancy announced.
2. Lincoln City Libraries Annual Report for the fiscal year 2010-2011.
3. By-Laws of the Lincoln Library Board.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**

1. Action by the Planning Commission on November 16, 2011.
2. Planning Commission Final Action, November 16, 2011.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Administrative Amendment No. 11054 approved by the Planning Director on November 14, 2011.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**

1. Public Works and Utilities Memorandum on City of Lincoln snow preparedness.

**IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Reply from Rick Hoppe, Chief of Staff, to Robert Boyce regarding arena bonds. (Original question from Mr. Boyce attached)

2. InterLinc correspondence from David Svik regarding action by Council on garbage service. (Reply to Mr. Svik on 11.16.11)
3. InterLinc correspondence from Bud and Carol Dunklau on vacating alleys across the back of their lot.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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The Mechanical Code Task Force has had 20 meetings. These meetings started December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010. We reviewed the 2009 International Mechanical Code, 2009 International Fuel Gas Code, and the mechanical chapters of the 2009 International Residential Code. We are submitting amendments to all three of these codes to be adopted for enforcement by the Mechanical Inspection Section.

Highlights:

1. **A Master Contractor may supervise a maximum of three Apprentices on a job site.** (No previous ratio required)  
A Journeyman may supervise a maximum of three Apprentices on a job site. (There was a previous ratio of five Apprentices to one Journeyman)
2. **Equipment and appliances on roofs or elevated structures.** Equipment shall only be accessed through the area that it serves. Equipment shall not be accessed through other parts of a building where there is separate ownership or separate tenants. Equipment shall be accessed through a common area or accessed on the outside of the building on new commercial construction.
3. **Adoption of Chapter 11, Refrigeration.** (This chapter was previously adopted as reference only, we did not take permits or do inspections on refrigeration equipment installations.)
4. **Adoption of Chapter 12, Hydronics.** (This chapter was previously adopted as reference only, we did not take permits or do inspections on hydronic equipment installations.)
5. **Carbon Monoxide Detection:** An approved Carbon Monoxide detector/alarm shall be required with replacement fuel burning appliances governed by this code. (The 2009 International Residential Building Code requires a detector in new construction.)
6. **618.1.1 Efficiency Rating:** All new and replaced fuel fired residential furnaces shall have an efficiency rating of 90% or greater and shall be installed as a two pipe (flue/combustion air) system.

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# Mechanical Code Task Force Members

Jon Jackson, Mechanical Engineer

Bob Boellstorff, Mechanical Contractor

Dennis Biggerstaff, Mechanical Contractor

Doug Kreifels, Mechanical Contractor

Norm Hall, Mechanical Contractor ( Union )

Tom Hardesty, Mechanical Contractor

Troy Foster, Mechanical Contractor ( Union )

Ron Peery, Manager, Building and Safety Department

Merl Scott, Chief Mechanical Inspector, Building and Safety Department

## 2009 MECHANICAL CODE PERMIT FEE'S

### MECHANICAL SYSTEMS PERMIT FEE SCHEDULE

	Old	New
Electric Furnace .....	\$28.00	30.00
Gas Furnace .....	\$28.00	30.00
Air Conditioner .....	\$25.00	30.00
Heat Pump .....	\$25.00	30.00
Roof Top Heating/Cooling .....	\$50.00	60.00
Air Handling Unit .....	\$25.00	30.00
Residential Exhaust System .....	\$15.00	25.00
Vent Fan (Single Duct) .....	\$7.00	10.00
Clothes Dryer Vent .....	\$7.00	10.00
Vent or Chimney Liner .....	\$23.00	25.00
Alteration of Existing Work/Duct .....	\$23.00	25.00
Decorative Fireplace .....	\$50.00	60.00
Underground Duct Work (per System) .....	\$23.00	30.00
Vent System .....	\$23.00	30.00
Type II Hood .....	\$50.00	
Make-up Air System .....	\$50.00	
Heat Recovery System .....	\$28.00	30.00
Paint Booth/Fume Hood Exhaust .....	\$50.00	90.00
Fume Hood Exhaust .....	\$60.00	
Mixing/VAV Boxes .....	\$12.00	15.00
Unit Heater .....	\$32.00	30.00
Infrared Pipe Heating System (per Burner) .....	\$32.00	30.00
Type I Hood, including Ducts .....	\$200.00	300.00
<b><i>Refrigeration Fees (Chapter 11)</i></b>		
Remote Condensing Units .....	\$25.00	
Refrigeration Systems		
10-25 tons .....	\$25.00	
26-50 tons .....	\$35.00	
51-75 tons .....	\$40.00	
76 tons and larger .....	\$50.00	
<b><i>Hydronics Fees (Chapter 12)</i></b>		
Boiler Piping, less than 200,000 BTU .....	\$35.00	
Each additional 120,000 BTU .....	\$10.00	
Fluid Cooler Piping, less than 20 tons .....	\$30.00	
Each additional 10 tons .....	\$10.00	
Heat Pump and Fan Coil .....	\$25.00	
Heating, Chilled, and Condenser Piping .....	\$10.00	
Heat Pump, Heat Recovery Piping .....	\$10.00	

Radiant Panel and Coil Piping .....	\$10.00
Gas New Construction (1-5 outlets) .....	\$25.00
Each Additional Outlot .....	\$1.00
Gas Piping Replacement Appliance .....	\$5.00
Gas Piping Replacement .....	\$15.00
Gas Piping Alteration .....	\$15.00
Minimum Fee .....	\$25.00 30.00
Reinspection Fee .....	\$30.00 35.00

## Plumbing Code Task Force

Matt Morrissey	Mechanical Engineer	Ferris Engineering
Doug Biggerstaff	Plumbing Contractor	Biggerstaff Plumbing
Mike McNiff	Plumbing Contractor	Nifco Mechanical
Kevin Bouwens	Plumbing Contractor	Bouwens Plumbing
Dick Dworak	Plumbing Contractor	Dworak Plumbing
Jerry McGovern	Plumbing Contractor	Davison Plumbing
Dave Ribers REIBER	Plumbing Contractor	Mechanical Western

The Plumbing Code Task Force met about <sup>20</sup> times to review the 2009 Uniform Plumbing Code and make amendments to enhance the Code to fit Lincoln Ne.

Some of the changes from the present code are as follows:

### Sustainable Codes

- Max water temperature on showers, facets and shower tubs to be 120 degrees in commercial buildings
- Approve the use of dual flush toilets
- Approve urinals that use only 1 pint of water per flush
- Adopt a new chapter 16 allowing the use of non potable water reuse systems
- Adopts by reference the IAPMO Green Plumbing and Mechanical Code supplement

### Amendments to the Code

- Adopting the HYDRONICS chapter of the Uniform Mechanical Code
- In occupancies with less than 25 reduce the number of water closets required from 2 to only 1 water closet for each mens and women's restroom.
- Create a ratio of 3 apprentices for every journeyman on a job.
- Approval of urinals with a visible P-trap exposed under the fixture
- Adopting a new fee structure to have those using more time pay for that time

### Code Study Committee

Jim Bartunek	Electrical Engineer
Matt Morrissey	Mechanical Engineer
Dean Prochnow	Structural Engineer
Jim Schmersal	Concrete Industry
Bob Boellstorff	HVAC Contractor
Craig Gies	Commercial Building
Rich Hill	Insurance Agent
Mike McNiff	Master Plumber / Fire Suppression
Bill Newstrom	Real Estate Agent
Don Schroeder	Electrical Contractor
Mike Benker	Residential Remodeling
Bruce Fischer	Architect
Dan Klein Sr.	Commercial & Residential Building
Mike Rezac	Home Builder
Erin Magnussenn	Residential Remodeling
Deb Hansen	Architectural Designer , LEED Accredited
Jon Dixon	Sustainability
Steve Miller	Planner
Gretchen Dorsen	Sustainability
Tyler Mainquist	Financial Consultant / Sustainability
Dan Schlitt	Mayor's Environmental Task Force

FEE SCHEDULE - 2009 Plumbing Code

- Plumbing Task Force recommendation 10-17-2011

Item #	Description	QUALIFIER	FEE EACH	TOTAL FEES COLLECTED	# OF ITEMS	2012	2012	REVENUE	
						FEE	REVENUE	Change +/-	% INCREASE /
520	Sanitary Sewer	4"	22	\$18,172	826	25	\$20,650	\$2,478	13.6
521	Sanitary Sewer	<4"	40	\$2,680	67	50	\$3,350	\$670	25.0
523	Private Water	<= 1"	22	\$4,268	194	25	\$4,850	\$582	13.6
523	Private Water	> 1"	40	\$4,240	106	50	\$5,300	\$1,060	25.0
522	Storm Sewer		35	\$6,965	199	50	\$9,950	\$2,985	42.9
519	Manholes		60	\$480	8	75	\$600	\$120	25.0
531	Water Heater		7	\$31,199	4457	8	\$35,656	\$4,457	14.3
525	Underground Lawn Sprinkler	<= 1"	25	\$10,625	425	30	\$12,750	\$2,125	20.0
526	Underground Lawn Sprinkler	>1" & <2"	50	\$150	3	60	\$180	\$30	20.0
527	Underground Lawn Sprinkler	2"	60		0	60		\$0	
	Underground Lawn Sprinkler	3"	100		0	100		\$0	
	Underground Lawn Sprinkler	add exist	12		0	12		\$0	
	Underground Lawn Sprinkler	add new	12	\$24	2	12	\$24	\$0	
530	Vacuum Breaker		7	\$7,763	1109	8	\$8,872	\$1,109	14.3
532	Water Conditioning Equipment		10	\$6,010	601	12	\$7,212	\$1,202	20.0
533	Drinking Fountain		7	\$1,512	216	8	\$1,728	\$216	14.3
534	Water Closet / Urinal		7	\$32,109	4587	8	\$36,696	\$4,587	14.3
535	Lavatory		7	\$30,814	4402	8	\$35,216	\$4,402	14.3
536	Bathtub		7	\$9,842	1406	8	\$11,248	\$1,406	14.3
537	Sink		7	\$16,807	2401	8	\$19,208	\$2,401	14.3
538	Floor Drain		7	\$17,122	2446	8	\$19,568	\$2,446	14.3
539	Roof Drain		7	\$1,603	229	8	\$1,832	\$229	14.3
540	Automatic Washer		7	\$6,447	921	8	\$7,368	\$921	14.3
541	Shower		7	\$12,376	1768	8	\$14,144	\$1,768	14.3
542	Dishwasher		7	\$17,318	2474	8	\$19,792	\$2,474	14.3
543	Garbage Disposal		7	\$8,722	1246	8	\$9,968	\$1,246	14.3
544	Laundry Tub		7	\$1,876	268	8	\$2,144	\$268	14.3
545	Decorative Gas Log		35	\$875	25	40	\$1,000	\$125	14.3
552	Change Location of Plumbing Fixture		7	\$910	130	8	\$1,040	\$130	14.3
516	Repair Sewer Outside of building		10	\$270	27	15	\$405	\$135	50.0
548	Grease Trap		7	\$301	43	10	\$430	\$129	42.9
549	New Water / Waste Piping		7	\$2,842	406	10	\$4,060	\$1,218	42.9
	Domestic Water Supply Boiler		7	\$49	7	10	\$70	\$21	42.9
	Mobile Home Sewer Riser Connection		10		0	15		\$0	50.0
	Change Location Water / Vent Piping		10	\$60	6	10	\$60	\$0	
553	Indirect Waste Connection		7	\$91	13	8	\$104	\$13	14.3
554	Pretreatment Industrial Waste		7	\$14	2	10	\$20	\$6	42.9
555	Car-Wash Mud & Sand Trap		7	\$7	1	10	\$10	\$3	42.9
557	Water Tap on Private Meter		15	\$75	5	20	\$100	\$25	33.3
562	Excavation Permit		15	\$14,475	965	15	\$14,475	\$0	
558	Gas Piping New Construction	<=5 outlets	25	\$14,550	582	25	\$14,550	\$0	
559	Additional Gas Outlet		1	\$102	102	1	\$102	\$0	
560	Replace Gas Appliance		6	\$17,808	2968	6	\$17,808	\$0	
561	Gas Piping Alteration		15	\$3,990	266	15	\$3,990	\$0	
563	Reinspection Fee		30	\$4,470	149	40	\$5,960	\$1,490	33.3
564	Investigation Fee			\$2,694			\$2,694	\$0	
565	Miscellaneous Items		7	\$539	77	8	\$616	\$77	14.3
567	Minimum Differential		25	\$122,456	4,898	35	\$171,430	\$48,974	40.0
566	After Hours Inspection		114	\$570	5	114	\$570	\$0	
	Boiler	<200K BTU	35			35		\$0	
	Fluid Cooler	< 20 Ton	30			30		\$0	
	Add Each	10 Ton	10			10		\$0	
	Heat Pump & FCU		25			25		\$0	
	Hydronic Piping, Heating, Chilled, Condenser, Heat		10			10		\$0	
	Heat Pump, Heat Recovery	per 100'	10			10		\$0	
	Radiant Panel & Coil Piping	per 1000'	10			10		\$0	
			1			1		\$0	
			1			1		\$0	
						PREVIOUS REVENUE	PROJECTED REVENUE	INCR /	% INCR /
						\$436,272	\$527,800	\$91,528	21.0

## **2009 Uniform Plumbing Code Fee**

to be made part of the plumbing permit form

Minimum Fee **\$35.00** - good for one inspection

Any new construction permit fee up to **\$350.00** gives the permit holder up to 5 inspections.

Additional inspections costs **\$35.00** each

Permits over **\$350.00** gives the permit holder the number of inspections the number of inspections by dividing the permit amount by **\$50.00**

Example; \$1,000.00 permit fee.  $\$1,000.00 \div 50 = 20$  inspections.  
Each additional inspection is **\$50.00**

All additional inspection fees must be paid prior to final permit or occupancy is issued.

### **Increase to New Residential Homes**

2 bathroom house \$16.00

3 bathroom house \$19.00

4 bathroom house \$22.00

reviewed and recommended by the Plumbing Code Task Force 10-17-2011

**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

**DATE:** November 14, 2011

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

Mayor Chris Beutler and Kevin Wailes, Administrator and CEO of the Lincoln Electric System (LES), will have a news conference at **10 a.m. Tuesday, November 15** in the **Mayor's Conference Room, third floor of the County-City Building, 555 S. 10th St.** They will discuss the success of the City's Lincoln Energy Challenge and kick off LES's kilowattchers™ energy savings website.

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**MAYOR NAMES MCDANIEL AS PERSONNEL DIRECTOR**

Mayor Chris Beutler today announced the appointment of Douglas McDaniel, the current Director of Human Resources for BryanLGH Health Systems, as the new Director of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Personnel Department, effective January 3, 2012.

“Doug brings extensive experience as a top level human resources professional to this important position and we are lucky to have a new Director of his caliber working for the City of Lincoln and Lancaster County,” Mayor Beutler said.

McDaniel has served the Bryan Hospital system’s Human Resources Department since 1984, first as Assistant Director and as Director since 1991. McDaniel studied Health Administration and Education at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and received his master’s degree in Business Administration through Walden University.

“I am honored to be invited to join Mayor Beutler’s team,” McDaniel said, “I know that there are excellent people working for both the City and Lancaster County and I look forward to working with them and serving this community.”

The Personnel Department is responsible for the recruitment, testing and selection of applicants for County and City positions. It coordinates training, conducts salary surveys, performs classification studies and recommends compensation. The department also is responsible for labor relations, maintaining employee records, administering drug and alcohol testing, and administration of the police and fire pension, group insurance and all employee benefit programs. The department includes the Risk Management division, which administers workers compensation for City employees and liability, property and casualty insurance.

The appointment will require approval of the City Council and County Board. Assistant City Attorney Don Taute has been serving as Acting Director since the resignation of Mark Koller last week.

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Carolyn Douglas, LES Corporate Communications Coordinator, 402-473-3266

**AS LINCOLN ENERGY CHALLENGE ENDS,**  
**KILOWATTCHERS WEBSITE UNVEILED**

Mayor Chris Beutler and Kevin Wailes, Administrator and CEO of the Lincoln Electric System (LES), today kicked off kilowattch<sup>TM</sup>, a new website promoting energy efficiency. Beutler also thanked area residents for participating in the Lincoln Energy Challenge, a program of the Mayor's Cleaner Greener Lincoln initiative.

At kilowattch<sup>TM</sup>.com, area residents can learn how to save money and energy and reduce their impact on the environment. The website includes information on implementing energy-efficiency measures in all cost ranges, from replacing standard light bulbs with compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs) to installing insulation. Visitors to the website will be encouraged to accept energy-efficiency challenges and then learn about that challenge's impact on energy usage, bills and the environment

The Lincoln Energy Challenge, which ran from January through August 2011, encouraged residents to "get comfortable saving money" through energy savings and upgrades, and 1,920 people pledged to save energy. More than 5,000 free CFLs were distributed, and more than 200 energy check-ups were conducted by trained volunteers and professional energy auditors. Individuals, neighborhood associations and schools earned energy-saving prizes for their energy saving actions, and dozens of households received rebate checks for installing energy efficient furnaces, insulation and other improvements.

"As the City wraps up the Lincoln Energy Challenge, we want to continue to challenge residents to reduce their energy use, save money and reduce their carbon footprint," Beutler said. "LES' kilowattch<sup>TM</sup> website is a great next step. It provides a great opportunity for the City to again partner with LES and its customers to promote energy efficiency and sustainability."

"Kilowattch<sup>TM</sup> is the next in a long series of energy sustainability efforts initiated by LES," said Wailes. "From our wind turbines northeast of Lincoln, to our hybrid cars and truck, from our Sustainable Energy Program that incentivizes participants to use energy wisely, to our plans to utilize gas from the City landfill to produce renewable energy, we are committed to promoting sustainable energy practices throughout the greater Lincoln area."

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**Lincoln Energy Challenge and kilowattchers™**  
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In addition to the challenges, the website will feature:

- A list of the top energy-saving initiatives
- Links to the em·Powered™ newsletter and em·Powered™ Energy e-library
- A link to LES' energy-efficiency brochures
- A link to energy efficiency calculators for heating and cooling systems and appliances and a home energy analyzer
- Links to other energy-efficiency/sustainability websites such as Cleaner Greener Lincoln, Energy Star® and Lincoln Green by Design
- Links to LES YouTube energy conservation/sustainability videos
- A featured product of the month
- Links to information about LES' Sustainable Energy Program
- Seasonal energy tips

More information on LES is available at [les.com](http://les.com), and more information on Cleaner Greener Lincoln is available at [green.lincoln.ne.gov](http://green.lincoln.ne.gov).

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Mayor Chris Beutler will encourage residents to shop at locally-owned businesses at a news conference at **10 a.m. Thursday, November 17** at the **Post & Nickel, 144 N. 14th St.** The Mayor will discuss two retail promotions:

- The Downtown Lincoln Association's "Shop the Blocks" event is Thursday evening.
- The second annual "Small Business Saturday," a promotion of American Express, is November 26.

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Todd Ogden, Downtown Lincoln Assoc., 402-434-6906  
Jim Otto, Ne. Retail Federation, 402-474-5255

**MAYOR ENCOURAGES SHOPPERS TO BUY LOCAL**

*“Shop the Blocks” and “Small Business Saturday” promote locally-owned businesses*

As the nation enters the busiest shopping time of the year, Mayor Chris Beutler today encouraged area residents to shop at locally-owned retailers. He gave his support to two retail promotions:

- The first “Shop the Blocks” event tonight is sponsored by the Downtown Lincoln Association (DLA).
- The second annual “Small Business Saturday,” a national promotion of American Express, is November 26.

The Mayor was joined by representatives of the DLA, the Nebraska Retail Federation, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lincoln Independent Business Association and local retailers at a news conference at the Post and Nickel, a family-owned business that has been in downtown for 45 years.

“We are fortunate to have many fine national retailers in our community, but it’s our locally-owned stores that create a sense of place and make our community unique,” Mayor Beutler said. “These businesses also have a major economic impact on our community. The Small Business Administration (SBA) tells us that small businesses represent 99.7 percent of all employer firms and employ half of all private sector employees. I urge residents to do business with these outstanding local firms all year round.”

Over the past two decades, 65 percent of net new jobs were created by small businesses according to the SBA. The 3/50 Project, a small business advocacy group, reports that for every \$100 spent at locally-owned independent store, \$68 returns to the community through taxes, payroll and other expenditures.

DLA’s “Shop the Blocks” features 17 retail stores and a variety of downtown restaurants. To participate, shoppers check in at the Hour Lounge, 14th and “O” streets,” between 5 and 8 p.m and purchase a \$5 all-access pass. The pass is good for discounts, food and access to chauffeur service. Shoppers will receive one raffle ticket for every \$20 in purchases, and the drawing will take place at the after-party for participants at the Hour Lounge. More information is available at [shoptheblocks.com](http://shoptheblocks.com).

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**Shop Local**  
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American Express is promoting Small Business Saturday – which falls between “Black Friday” and “Cyber Monday” – at [www.smallbusinesssaturday.com](http://www.smallbusinesssaturday.com). The first 10,00 business owners who sign up at Facebook will receive \$100 of free Facebook advertising. The company will give a \$25 statement credit to 100,000 American Express Cardmembers who register their cards and use them November 26 at any locally-owned, independent small business that accepts American Express.

In the first year of Small Business Saturday in 2010, 200,000 customers registered their American Express cards, and small retailers who accept the credit card saw a 28 percent increase in sales when compared to the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 2009. More than 100,000 small businesses downloaded marketing materials.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

StarTran, 710 "J" Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7185, fax 402-441-7055

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** November 17, 2011

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Larry Worth, StarTran Transit Manager, 402-441-7185

**STARTRAN NAMED ONE OF TOP 200 BUS FLEETS**

METRO Magazine has recognized StarTran as one of the Top 200 Bus Fleets this year. Placement is based on fleet size, and StarTran's fleet of 71 vehicles put Lincoln at number 176 on the list. The number one fleet is New York City Transit with 4,336 vehicles.

"About 700 agencies with a total of 75,115 buses report fleet numbers to the NTDB (National Transportation Database), so StarTran rank of 176 is impressive," said Larry Worth, StarTran Transit Manager.

METRO reported that more than 70 percent of respondents to the NTDB were having difficulty balancing funding shortfalls with an increase in the demand for service. The magazine also noted that public transportation continues to play a role in protecting the environment and that many agencies are exploring innovations to make their systems more efficient, safe and user-friendly.

"StarTran certainly is one of those innovative agencies," Worth said. "Improvements include an automatic vehicle location (AVL) program, new magnetic strip fareboxes, digital signs with solar panels, a live online bus tracker, safety cameras, and bike racks. StarTran also is recognized nationally for its use of alternate fuels. A trip planner program is coming next year to increase convenience for StarTran patrons."

For more information on StarTran, visit [startran.lincoln.ne.gov](http://startran.lincoln.ne.gov), sign up for e-mail alerts, become a fan at StarTran's Facebook page, or call 402- 476-1234.

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES DEPARTMENT**

Watershed Management, 555 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7548, fax 402-441-8609

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Ben Higgins, Senior Engineer, 402-441-7589

**FEMA PROPOSES MODIFICATIONS TO  
BASE FLOOD ELEVATIONS FOR LITTLE SALT CREEK**

*Property owners have 90 days to appeal*

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has notified Lancaster County and the City of Lincoln of proposed modifications to the base flood elevations for the Little Salt Creek floodplain in north central Lancaster County. The Base Flood Elevation Notice of Studies was published in the Lincoln Journal Star on November 6 and 13.

The modifications impact individual property owners in different ways. Property owners will have 90 days (until February 11, 2012) to appeal following the second date of publication if they believe they are adversely affected by the base flood elevation determinations and have knowledge or information that the proposed base flood elevations are scientifically or technically incorrect.

Appeals should be made to Ben Higgins, Public Works and Utilities Department, 555 S. 10th St., Suite 203, Lincoln, NE 68508. The appeals will be forwarded to FEMA along with a recommendation from the City.

FEMA must receive all appeal information within the 90-day appeal period. For more information, visit [lancaster.ne.gov](http://lancaster.ne.gov). (Click on "Board of Commissioners" then "Preliminary Flood Maps.")

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** FW: Library Board Vacancy Announced

**FOR RELEASE:** November 15, 2011  
**CONTACT:** Pat Leach, Library Director  
**PHONE:** 402-441-8510  
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## **LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Vacancy Announced

The Library Board of Trustees of Lincoln City Libraries seeks a candidate to fill an upcoming vacancy on the Library Board. One four-year appointment (2012-2016) is available due to the resignation of a member of the Board.

The Board of Trustees of the Lincoln City Libraries is a seven member administrative board appointed by the Lincoln City Council. It is the trustee's obligation to work toward improvement in library services through well-trained staff and efficient use of funds, to support adequate funding for library services, and to promote the best possible use of all library resources. The mission of Lincoln City Libraries is to foster the power of reading and provide open access to all forms of information to enrich people's lives every day.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest along with a completed Board Appointment Information form to [library@lincolnlibraries.org](mailto:library@lincolnlibraries.org) - or mail to Candidate Search, Lincoln City Libraries, 136 S 14<sup>th</sup> Street, Lincoln, NE 68508. The Board Appointment Information form is available from the Director's Office by calling 402-441-8512 or by printing a copy from the library's website, <http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/board/boardappointmentinfo.pdf>. Deadline for submission of materials is Monday, December 12, 2011.

After review the Library Board will forward information from all interested individuals to the City Council along with any recommendations the Library Board may have.

Library Board members must be residents of Lincoln.

Barbara Hansen  
Administrative Aide  
Lincoln City Libraries  
402-441-8512

**Lincoln City Libraries  
Annual Report  
Fiscal year 2010-2011**

Highlights of this fiscal year:

The Lied Foundation made a significant gift of \$100,000.00 to the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries in support of the Library's purchase of a new bookmobile. Additional funding for the bookmobile will be provided through the City's Capital Improvements Plan, which included \$150,000.00 in City keno funds for the project, and \$20,000.00 from Lancaster County. The Lied Foundation gift allows inclusion of several features that promote sustainability in the new vehicle.

The Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries opened its office within Bennett Martin Public Library. We see this as a continuation of ongoing work to solidify the position of the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries as it builds awareness and support for the libraries.

Friends of Lincoln City Libraries, a group under the auspices of the Foundation for Lincoln City Libraries, began processing donated items at three branch libraries. We are grateful for this significant contribution of time and talent which frees up library staff for continued focus on customer service.

Downloadable books for electronic readers were made available to our customers on October 29, and are VERY popular. Technology such as downloadable e-books allows Lincoln City Libraries card holders to use their local library no matter where they travel or serve their country. A Lincolnite serving in Afghanistan e-mailed asking for e-book instructions.

In January 2011, Lincoln City Libraries entered into a Joint Entity Agreement with the cities of Grand Island, Holdrege, and St. Paul forming the Pioneer Consortium. The consortium is a joint entity of publicly funded libraries in the State of Nebraska. The purpose is to enrich the collections, share the resources, enhance the services, and strengthen support for member libraries. The consortium currently has 16 members. As part of the consortium, Lincoln City Libraries switched to the LibLime/Koha integrated library system in May 2011.

Our final registration figures for 2011 Summer Reading Programs were Adult (Novel Destinations): 2,247; Youth (One World, Many Stories: 9,910; and Teen (You Are Here): 2,260. Attendance at Summer Reading Program events and book groups totaled 18,129.

The One Book - One Lincoln selection was "I Am a Man" by Joe Starita.

Connection to our diverse community is an important value expressed during the library's Strategic Planning Processes. Here are examples of library connections to our community.

After the Kokyo Taiko Drummers performed, a woman expressed how grateful she was that the library provided cultural programs at no cost. "It is a wonderful opportunity for our family to experience quality programming that we would not otherwise be able to afford. Thank you." A different multi-cultural craft has been enjoyed by 400-500 children each week of summer reading.

A mother and daughter of Russian origin went up to thank Jeff Quinn after his magic show. The mother commented on how well he tied in reading and the use of public

libraries. The mother then shared the fact that her daughter, going into 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, is a voracious reader. She says she credits the library for fostering this love of learning. Her daughter went to Gere Toddler Time and Pre-School Storytime, participated in past Read Aloud Please groups and continues to do the Summer Reading Program every summer. The mother really wanted to pass on this compliment and that they love the library and all it has to offer.

The Youth Services Supervisor attended the Everett School English Language Learners Community Recognition breakfast in May. They were recognizing individuals and groups in the community that contributed time and/or talents to help these families and their children. Lincoln City Libraries was recognized for its contribution through the Prime Time Family Reading Time program that many of the families participated in this spring.

Pat Leach, Library Director  
November 7, 2011

# Annual Report Lincoln City Libraries September 1, 2010 – August 31, 2011

Lincoln City Libraries  
136 So. 14th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
www.lincolnlibraries.org  
402-441-8500

Population of Legal Service Area: 285,407  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 467  
Number of Facilities: 8  
Number of bookmobiles: 1

## HEADQUARTERS:

**Bennett Martin Public Library**  
136 So. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Circulation: 563,063  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 54  
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

**Dan A Williams Branch**  
5000 Mike Scholl Street  
Circulation: 36,267  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 28  
Monday – Thursday 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturday – Sunday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m.

## BRANCH LIBRARIES:

**Bess Dodson Walt Branch**  
6701 So. 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Circulation: 685,708  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64  
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Loren Corey Eiseley Branch**  
1530 Superior Street  
Circulation: 549,884  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64  
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Bethany Branch**  
1810 No. Cotner Blvd.  
Circulation: 126,335  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 48  
Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday Closed

**South Branch**  
2675 South Street  
Circulation: 137,545  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64  
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday - Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Charles H. Gere Branch**  
2400 So. 56<sup>th</sup> Street  
Circulation: 1,048,495  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64  
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Victor E. Anderson Branch**  
3635 Touzalin Avenue  
Circulation: 243,841  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 64  
Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Friday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Bookmobile**  
Circulation: 25,872  
Public Service Hours Per Week: 17



**REVENUES:**

**Local Government Revenue:** *This includes all local government funds designated by the community and available for expenditure by the public library. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any gifts and donations, library fines, fees, or grants.*

City of Lincoln:	\$ 6,397,583
Lancaster County:	\$ 623,091
Keno & Interest Earned:	\$ 524,499
<b>Total Local Revenue:</b>	<b>\$ 7,545,173</b>

**State Revenue:** *These are funds distributed to public libraries by Nebraska state government for expenditure by the public libraries. This does not include federal money distributed by the state.*

State Aid:	\$ 57,013
Continuing Ed/Training Grant:	\$ 3,288
Other State Gov. Revenue:	\$16,400
<b>Total State Government Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 76,701</b>

**Federal Government Revenue:** *This includes all federal government funds including federal money distributed by the Nebraska Library Commission as Library Improvement grants.*

**Total Federal Government Revenue \$ 0**

**Other Revenue:** *This is all operating revenue other than that reported under local, state, and federal operating revenue including monetary gifts and donations received, interest, library fines, fees for library services, and grants. Does not include the value of any contributed or in-kind services or the value of any non-monetary gifts and donations.*

**Other Revenue \$ 735,748**

**TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE \$ 8,357,622**

**CAPITAL REVENUE: \$ 235,000**

Local Government Capital Revenue-Gere HVAC & Bookmobile

**EXPENDITURES:**

*Operating Expenditures are current and recurrent costs necessary to support library services.*

Salaries and Benefits:	\$ 5,676,527
Collection Materials:	\$ 1,335,884
Facility:	\$ 124,166
Utilities:	\$ 284,512
Office Supplies:	\$ 78,280
Postage:	\$ 39,823
Telephone:	\$ 22,013
Insurance	\$ 49,736
Contracts for Services:	\$ 532,575
Computer Hardware & Software	\$ 232,948
Electronic Access	\$ 92,853
Continuing Education:	\$ 9,189
Miscellaneous:	\$ 130,090
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$ 8,608,596</b>

*Capital Expenditures*

Williams Branch	\$ 9,964
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$ 9,964</b>



## LIBRARY MATERIAL HOLDINGS (volumes)

Adult Print:	464,720
Adult NonPrint:	108,499
Youth Print:	291,041
Youth NonPrint:	<u>39,732</u>
Total Materials Owned:	903,992



## LIBRARY SERVICES

Number of registered borrowers	193,431
Annual library visits	1,527,167
Annual reference transactions	315,538
Number of Public Internet computers	113
Annual Public Internet Computer Reservations	218,240
Number of children's programs	1795
Children's program attendance	80,148
Number of adult programs	261
Adult program attendance	2,734
Circulation of adult materials	1,925,306
Circulation of children's materials	1,491,704
Circulation total	3,417,010
Total lost materials	11,400
Total library materials loaned to other libraries	2,776
Total library materials borrowed from other libraries	10,744
Number of online public access catalog computers	68
Total employees (FTEs)	107
Total number of volunteers	948

# **BY-LAWS OF THE LINCOLN LIBRARY BOARD**

## **ARTICLE I NAME**

The Library Board of the Lincoln City Libraries shall be officially referred to as The Lincoln City Library Board of Trustees, hereinafter referred to as "Board".

## **ARTICLE II PURPOSE**

The Board is an administrative board of the library of the City of Lincoln. It works to support the mission of the library through the efficient use of funds, support adequate funding for library services and promote the best use of all library resources.

## **ARTICLE III OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES**

- Section 1. The Officers of the Board shall be a President, a Vice-President, a treasurer, who shall be members of the Board, with the Library Director serving as Secretary to the Board.
- Section 2. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Board, to appoint Board members to Standing Committees, Ad Hoc or Special Committees, and to perform such other duties as the Board may prescribe.
- Section 3. In the event of the death, resignation, or inability of the President to serve, the Vice-President shall assume the office of President for the balance of the unexpired term. In the event of the death, resignation, or inability of the Vice-President or Treasurer to serve, the President shall appoint a Board member to the office for the balance of the unexpired term.
- Section 4. The Vice President shall preside at all meetings of the Board in the absence of the President. Should both the President and Vice-President be absent from any meeting of the Board, the immediate past president shall preside. Should the President, Vice-President and immediate past president be absent from the meeting, the Treasurer shall preside, but should more than one of these positions be held by the same Board member, the most senior Board member in terms of service shall preside.
- Section 5. The Treasurer shall be the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance, shall review and report on all claims, and advise the Board on fiscal matters. In the absence of the Treasurer, the President shall designate a member of the Board to perform such duties.
- Section 6. All funds set apart for the use of the Library shall be drawn upon and paid out by the Treasurer of the City of Lincoln upon written request signed by

the President and the Secretary of the Board, who shall sign such request following a vote of the Board approving said payment; except, however, the Board may enact standing orders allowing the President and Secretary of the Board to sign a written request for payment prior to review by the Board for payment in specific circumstances. The standing order shall include a provision that the Treasurer of the Board shall report all such payments to the Board at each regularly scheduled meeting.

Section 7. The Library Director, as Secretary to the Board, shall maintain and act as custodian of records of the Board, be responsible for communications and reports, provide clerical support, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct. In the absence of the Secretary, any Board member may, by motion, be appointed to act as Secretary pro tempore.

#### **ARTICLE IV TERMS OF OFFICE AND ELECTIONS**

The Officers (President, Vice-President and Treasurer) shall be elected annually for a term of one year beginning on September 1. The election shall be held at the regular meeting in July of each year. All officers shall serve until their successors assume office.

#### **ARTICLE V MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**

Section 1. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Board shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month. If circumstances make it prudent and necessary in any one month, the regular meeting of the Board may be rescheduled with the approval of at least four members of the Board, following notification of all seven Board members.

Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President, or when a request is made to the President by three Board members.

Section 3. Notice of Meetings: The Board shall comply with the Open Meetings Law of the State of Nebraska.

Section 4. Quorum: A quorum shall consist of any four Board members at any meeting of the Board.

Section 5. In the absence of a quorum, the Board shall meet at its next regularly scheduled meeting unless a special meeting is called.

Section 6. Public Comment: The Board may formulate reasonable rules and regulations for persons attending and speaking at public meetings in accordance to the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Nebraska. These rules and regulations shall be incorporated into the Public Comment Policy, which will be posted and available at all meetings of the Board.

**ARTICLE VI  
STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

- Section 1. The following standing committees shall be appointed by the President no later than the September Board meeting. Each committee shall consist of at least two Board members. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees.
- (a) Committee on Finance (This committee shall consist of three members - the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and one other Board member, who may be the President of the Board or appointed by the President. It shall be chaired by the Treasurer.)
  - (b) Committee on Administration (This committee shall consist of the President and two additional Board members with the most seniority based upon the number of years on the Board.
  - (c) Committee on Buildings and Grounds
  - (d) Committee on Nominations
- Section 2. Special Committees may be created to handle specific matters, with the President appointing the Chairperson and committee members. Community members may be appointed to Special Committees when their expertise or involvement would benefit the work of the Board.
- Section 3. The term of membership on committees shall expire no later than August 31.
- Section 4. Meetings: Committee meetings shall be called by the Chairperson or the President. The Secretary shall notify each committee member of the meeting. A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 5. A report by each committee shall be presented at the next regular meeting of the Board.

**ARTICLE VII  
DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

- Section 1. Committee on Finance: This Committee shall have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on fiscal matters, including but not limited to, keeping records, allocating expenditures to budget divisions, and reviewing the budget request for presentation to the Board. This committee shall meet quarterly to review the budget performance as it pertains to goals and expenditures.
- Section 2. Committee on Administration: This Committee shall have the responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on matters relating to library policy and procedure and personnel. The Committee shall make recommendations regarding the acceptance of gifts and the entering into of contracts referred to it by operation of Article VIII
- Section 3. Committee on Buildings and Grounds: This Committee shall have the

responsibility for making recommendations to the Board on matters relating to all physical property (except library collections), including maintenance and repair of all library properties, and an annual plan for capital improvements.

- Section 4. Committee on Nominations: This Committee shall have the responsibility to present a slate of nominees for President, Vice-President and Treasurer no later than the July Board meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII DIRECTOR OF LIBRARIES**

- Section 1. Library Director: The Board shall assist in the selection of the Library Director through participation on the hiring committee. The hiring committee shall consist of an equal number of members selected by the Board and the Mayor. The Mayor shall appoint, with City Council approval, one of the hiring committee's recommended candidates for Library Director. The Library Director may be removed only by the Mayor, after receiving approval by a majority vote of the Board.
- Section 2. Duties of the Director: The Library Director shall be charged with the administration and management of the Library as more specifically set forth in the current position description. In addition, the Library Director shall be the appointing authority for the Library and shall be responsible for the care and safekeeping of all Library property under the regulations, directions and policies of the Board. The Library Director shall make a written report prior to each regular meeting of the Board, describing the activities of the Library during the previous month. This shall be filed as a permanent record.
- Section 3. The Board may enact standing orders authorizing the Library Director to enter into contracts and perform other functions as specified. A standing order to enter into contracts shall include a provision that the Library Director shall report all such contracts to the Board at each regularly scheduled meeting.

## **ARTICLE IX LIBRARY FUND**

All money received by the Board shall be paid to the City Treasurer and shall be held in the appropriate Library fund to be used only for the purposes approved by the Board.

## **ARTICLE X ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Agenda; Public Comment on Agenda Items; Approval of minutes of previous meeting; Reports from Standing Committees; Reports from Special Committees; Old Business;

New Business; Report from President; Report from Library Director; Public Comment.

**ARTICLE XI  
POWERS OF THE BOARD**

The Board shall have the power to establish rules and regulations not inconsistent with the Lincoln Municipal Code. These By-Laws are for the government of the Library, and the care and preservation of all Library properties.

**ARTICLE XII  
BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting by the affirmative vote of five members of the Board, provided notice has been given at the last regular meeting before the proposed amendment is presented for consideration, and the amendment proposed is placed on file with the Secretary. No amendment shall be effective until reported to the City Council and a copy is filed with the City Clerk.

Adopted February 1, 1916

Revised June 14, 1979; May 18, 1999; May 15, 2001; November 20, 2001; August 23, 2005; July 18, 2006; September 16, 2008; February 16, 2010; July 20, 2010; October 18, 2011; November 15, 2011  
Reviewed by Law September 6, 2006; January 12, 2010; July 2010; October 20, 2011; November 14, 2011.

**\*\*ACTION BY PLANNING COMMISSION\*\***  
**November 16, 2011**

**NOTICE:** The Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 16, 2011, at 1:00 p.m., in the City Council Hearing Room, County-City Building, 555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> St., Lincoln, Nebraska, on the following items. For more information, call the Planning Department, (402) 441-7491.

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE:** The Planning Commission action is final action on any item with a notation of "FINAL ACTION". Any aggrieved person may appeal Final Action of the Planning Commission to the City Council or County Board by filing a Notice of Appeal with the City Clerk or County Clerk within 14 days following the action of the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission action on all other items is a recommendation to the City Council or County Board.

**The Planning Commission has canceled their meeting scheduled for December 28, 2011.**

**AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2011**

**[All members present]**

Approval of minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 2011. **\*\*APPROVED, 8-0 (Taylor absent at time of vote)\*\***

Presentation and Adoption of Resolutions of Appreciation for Tommy Taylor, Roger Larson and Jim Partington. **\*\*Resolution No. PC-01255 adopted recognizing Thomas "Tommy" Taylor for 12 years of service; Resolution No. PC-01256 adopted recognizing Roger Larson for 9 years of service; and Resolution No. PC-01257 adopted recognizing James W. Partington for 4 years of service.**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**  
**(Public Hearing and Administrative Action:**

**CHANGE OF ZONE:**

Page 01 1.1 Change of Zone No. 11039, from O-3 Office Park District and R-3 Residential District to B-2 Planned Neighborhood Business District, on property generally located at S. 70<sup>th</sup> Street and A Street.  
**Staff recommendation: Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Brian Will, 441-6362, [bwill@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:bwill@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission recommendation: APPROVAL, 9-0.**  
**Public Hearing before City Council tentatively scheduled for Monday, December 12, 2011, 3:00 p.m.**

**PERMITS:**

Page 11 1.2 Special Permit No. 11028, for the expansion of a nonconforming use, on property generally located at 345 "G" Street. \*\*\* **FINAL ACTION** \*\*\*  
**Staff recommendation: Conditional Approval**  
**Staff Planner: Rashi Jain, 441-6372, [rjain@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:rjain@lincoln.ne.gov)**  
**Planning Commission 'final action': CONDITIONAL APPROVAL, as set forth in the staff report dated November 4, 2011, 9-0.**  
**Resolution No. PC-01258.**

2. **REQUESTS FOR DEFERRAL: None.**

3. **ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA: None.**

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**AT THIS TIME, ANYONE WISHING TO SPEAK ON AN ITEM  
NOT ON THE AGENDA, MAY DO SO**

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**PENDING LIST:**

1. *Change of Zone No. 11028, amending Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code to allow the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises in the B-4 Lincoln Center Business District as a permitted conditional use; and repealing Section 27.35.025 of the Lincoln Municipal Code as hitherto existing. (8-10-11: Planning Commission voted 9-0 to continue public hearing on November 30, 2011 at the request of the applicant.)*

**Planning Dept. staff contacts:**

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Ed Zimmer, <i>Historic Preservation Planner</i> . . . . .	441-6360	..	<a href="mailto:ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov">ezimmer@lincoln.ne.gov</a>

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**The Planning Commission meeting  
which is broadcast live at 1:00 p.m. every other Wednesday  
will be rebroadcast on Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on 5 City TV, Cable Channel 5.**

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**The Planning Commission agenda may be accessed on the Internet at  
<http://www.lincoln.ne.gov/city/plan/pcagenda/index.htm>**

**PLANNING COMMISSION FINAL ACTION  
NOTIFICATION**

**TO :** Mayor Chris Beutler  
Lincoln City Council

**FROM :** Jean Preister, Planning

**DATE :** November 17, 2011

**RE :** Notice of final action by Planning Commission: November 16, 2011

Please be advised that on November 16, 2011, the Lincoln City-Lancaster County Planning Commission adopted the following resolution:

**Resolution No. PC-01258**, approving Special Permit No. 11028, with conditions, requested by Daryl Baier, for authority to demolish and reconstruct a nonstandard single-family dwelling into the required front and side yard setback in a Historic District, on property located at 345 G Street.

This is final action unless appealed to the City Council within 14 days of the action by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission Resolution may be accessed on the internet at [www.lincoln.ne.gov](http://www.lincoln.ne.gov) (Keyword = PATS). Use the "Search Selection" screen and search by application number (i.e. SP11028). The Resolution and Planning Department staff report are in the "Related Documents" under the application number.



# *Memorandum*

**Date:** ♦ November 15, 2011  
**To:** ♦ City Clerk  
**From:** ♦ Teresa McKinstry, Planning Dept.  
**Re:** ♦ Administrative Amendment approvals  
**cc:** ♦ Jean Preister

This is a list of the Administrative Amendments that were approved by the Planning Director from November 8, 2011 thru November 14, 2011:

**Administrative Amendment No. 11054** to Use Permit No. 89C, Pine Ridge, approved by the Director on November 14, 2011, requested by Olsson Associates, to revise the lot and parking layout and expand the building envelope on property generally located at S. 16<sup>th</sup> St. and Pine Lake Rd.

City/County Planning Department  
555 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Rm. 213  
Lincoln NE 68508  
(402) 441-7491



# Public Works & Utilities Memorandum

To: City Council

From: Miki Esposito, Interim Director  
Public Works & Utilities

Date: November 14, 2011

Re: Snow Preparedness

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- The updated Snow Website is located at: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/pworks/engine/traffic/snow/>
- CIC has begun coordination on the Snow Duty Schedule and list of contacts in the event of a snow emergency (including assignments for the Snow Center); District managers have updated their work rosters and snow route books.
- All Material Spreaders have been serviced and are ready to go.
- All snow plows have been checked for blade wear, curb guides, hydraulic leaks & any nuts & bolts that may be loose or missing.
- All salt & sand has been replenished for the upcoming winter.
- In the next couple of weeks, we will receive four (4) new plow trucks. All 4 will be equipped with normal plows on the front of the vehicle, plus “underbody scrapers” under the vehicle. Two of them will also be equipped with “wing plows” giving the operator the ability to plow up to two lanes at a time.
- We have been conducting and will continue to conduct refresher training for our operators.
- We have coordinated with Utilities (Water/Wastewater) & Parks, who annually assist in staffing snow removal activities, if needed. Those trucks are also ready to be mobilized.
- For complete removal operations, Public Works has ready to go:
  - 21 motor graders
  - 69 trucks
  - 16 agricultural tractors
  - 10 front end loaders
  - 6 truck plows

If you have any questions, please contact me at (402) 441-6173 or Scott Opfer at (402) 525-5619.

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# Street and Traffic Operations

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## City of Lincoln Snow Plan

When Lincoln has a winter storm, the City's goal is to keep the streets cleared and safe. For City crews to accomplish this goal effectively and efficiently, community cooperation is required. Residents are discouraged from parking on the street during any snow storm and are encouraged to plan ahead for alternative off-street parking.

Residents also are asked to stay informed on the status of snow operations. The City uses the following methods to inform the public:

- Local news media sources
- The City website – lincoln.ne.gov
- RSS feed/email alerts
- Twitter – sign up at twitter.com/lincolnsnow. You do not need a Twitter account to receive SMS alerts – text "follow lincolnsnow" to 40404 (standard text messaging rates apply).
- Time Warner Cable government access channels 5 and 10

### THE MAYOR MAY DECLARE THREE TYPES OF PARKING BANS:

#### Snow Emergency:

Parking may be banned on both sides of emergency snow routes, arterial streets and City bus routes, as indicated on the map. These routes must remain open for emergency vehicles. Along non-arterial streets, bus routes are marked with signs.

#### Snow Removal Districts

When a snow emergency is declared, the Mayor may prohibit parking on both sides of the street in areas designated as snow removal districts. In these areas, the snow is plowed into windrows, loaded into trucks and hauled out of the area. Typically, snow removal occurs between midnight and 8 a.m. The districts include streets in the following areas: Downtown, University Place, Havelock, Bethany, College View, 11th and "G", 17th and Washington, 25th and Sumner.

[Snow Removal Districts Map](#)

#### Residential

A residential parking ban applies to streets that are not emergency snow routes, arterials or bus routes or included in a snow removal district. Parking is first banned on the even-numbered (north and east) side of the street. Once the Mayor has terminated that ban, parking will be banned on the odd-numbered (south and west) side of the street, and parking is again permitted on the even side.

All bans remain in effect until terminated by the Mayor.

## Tickets/Towing

Vehicles parked illegally during Snow Emergency, Snow Removal District or Residential Parking bans are subject to fines, towing and storage costs at the owners' expense.

Vehicles parked in a way that does not allow emergency vehicles to pass may be ticketed for obstructing a public street.

For information on the location of towed vehicles, call the Lincoln Police Service Desk, 402-441-7204.

## Sidewalks/Driveways

City ordinance requires property owners to clear snow and ice from sidewalks by 9 a.m. the day following the end of the snow storm. Sidewalks must be kept clear of snow and ice during the day. The entire width of the walk must be cleared, along with any adjoining wheelchair ramps or curb cuts. For more information or to report locations not cleared, contact the Public Works and Utilities sidewalk office at 402-441-7541.

### REPORT A PROBLEM

- Street Condition Emergencies  
402-441-7701
- Snow Center (parking bans/snow removal)  
402-441-7644
- Parking Enforcement  
Downtown: 402-441-PARK  
Residential: 402-441-6000
- Non-Emergencies/Potholes  
402-441-7646
- ACTION Center Service Request

City of Lincoln  
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### HELPFUL LINKS

[Top Ten Most-Asked Questions About Snow Removal](#)

[Snow Emergency Map](#)

[Snow Removal Districts Map](#)

[StarTran Bus Service](#)

[Traffic Cameras](#)

[Map of Emergency Snow Routes, Snow Removal Districts and City Bus Routes](#)



## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Rick D. Hoppe  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 15, 2011 8:44 AM  
**To:** 'bobboyce66@gmail.com'  
**Cc:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** FW: Arena fee/tax

Mr. Boyce-

I am Rick Hoppe, the Mayor's Chief of Staff. The Arena bonds are for 35 years and the legislation specifically states that the collection of the tax shall cease no later than January 1, 2046.

Thanks for writing. If we can be of additional assistance or answer other questions, please let me know.

R.

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**From:** Bob Boyce [<mailto:bobboyce66@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 11, 2011 1:31 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Arena fee/tax

Mayor Beutler--

How long will we have to pay the arena "fee," please? Are we paying off a ten-bond, or what?  
Thank you.

Robert Boyce  
735 south 37th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68510

402-770-6865

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 8:18 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** David Svik  
**Address:** 2415 Cheshire South  
**City:** Lincoln, NE 68512  
  
**Phone:** 402-423-9021  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** [fishin1947@yahoo.com](mailto:fishin1947@yahoo.com)

**Comment or Question:**

I am interested in obtaining a copy of the action by the council several months ago that requires a landlord to pay for garbage service for their tenants. Could you send me a copy of the action outlining the new requirement? Thank you.

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** FW: Question

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**From:** David S [<mailto:fishin1947@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 11:05 AM  
**To:** Mary M. Meyer  
**Subject:** Re: Question

Thank you for the prompt response.

**From:** Mary M. Meyer <[mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:mmmeyer@lincoln.ne.gov)>  
**To:** "fishin1947@yahoo.com" <[fishin1947@yahoo.com](mailto:fishin1947@yahoo.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 16, 2011 10:54 AM  
**Subject:** Question

Mr. Svik:

We have received your request to view the ordinance on garbage service.

Please use this link: <http://lincoln.ne.gov/city/council/agenda/history.htm>

go to Formal Meeting/Action, June 6, 2011.

This is Number 35 and under 11-60 you can view the ordinance. Also you can view a fact sheet and motion to amend.

Thank you,  
Mary

Mary M. Meyer  
Lincoln City Council Office  
555 S. 10th Street  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Office: 402.441.7515  
Fax: 402.441.6533

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## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** WebForm [none@lincoln.ne.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 7:38 AM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** InterLinc: Council Feedback

InterLinc: City Council Feedback for  
General Council

**Name:** Bud and Carol Dunklau  
**Address:** 2421 Sheridan Blvd.  
**City:** Lincoln, NE 68502

**Phone:** (402) 435 0686  
**Fax:**  
**Email:** [cdunklau@gmail.com](mailto:cdunklau@gmail.com)

**Comment or Question:**  
Hello Council members:

We are writing you about an unvacated alley behind our house at 2421 Sheridan Blvd. The entire alley between Lake and Park Avenue is unvacated, as well as the entire alley between Sheridan Blvd. and 24th Street. The alley property t-bones at the back of our lot. Two of our neighbors would like to vacate the south leg of our alley, and that would include our signature to do so. We have talked with our attorney (Kent Seacrest) and he said we should not vacate this small portion of the alley, but should vacate the entire alley. Vacating only a portion of it would mess up our legal description, as well as making an irregular lot line across the back (2 different alleys coming together, one portion vacated, one portion not, etc.)

Someone told us that the neighbors can go around the usual "every property owner sign up" to vacate, and bypass this procedure by going directly to the City Council for approval. We are writing you to let you know we are definitely OPPOSED to this. If we can't vacate both alleys and make a clean parcel of ground across the back of our lot, we don't want portions of it singled out.

Thanks for all your good work.

Carol and Bud

**DIRECTORS' AGENDA**  
**ADDENDUM**  
**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2011**

**I. CITY CLERK**

**II. CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE MAYOR & DIRECTORS**

**MAYOR**

1. NEWS RELEASE. Nominations now accepted for Mayor's Arts Awards.
2. NEWS RELEASE. Sculptor Michael Morgan will conduct a workshop for students on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Salvation Army, 27<sup>th</sup> and Potter Streets.
3. NEWS RELEASE. Mayor Beutler's public schedule for the week of November 19, 2011 through November 25, 2011.

**III. DIRECTORS**

**FINANCE/BUDGET**

1. November Sales Tax Reports reflecting September activity:
  - a) Actual Compared to Projected Sales Tax Collections;
  - b) Gross Sales Tax Collections (With Refunds Added Back In) 2007-2008 through 2011-2012;
  - c) Sales Tax Refunds 2007-2008 through 2011-2012; and
  - d) Net Sales Tax Collection 2007-2008 through 2011-2012.

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

1. Annexation Ordinance 19645 email from Michele Abendroth, Planning Department.
  - a) Map showing the adjustments to the City limits with Annexation Ordinance 19645

**PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES**

1. Use of Right-of-Way Permit, 301 South 9<sup>th</sup> Street, memorandum from Harry Kroos, with attached photos.
2. Use of Right-of-Way Permit, 210 North 14<sup>th</sup> Street, memorandum from Harry Kroos, with attached photos.

**IV. COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**V. CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITIZENS**

1. Email from Michael Sheets regarding need for stop signs and speed limit signs on Village Drive and surrounding streets.
2. Email from Linell Connolly in favor of LES's renewable and sustainable energy programs. A move in the right direction.
3. Email from Tom Higley regarding city code for furnaces, with suggestion of requiring 90% efficient only for primary heat systems, and exempt gas furnaces which serve only as back up heat systems.

4. Email from Johnny and Lyn Robinson for use in the furnace public hearing. Strongly object to requiring all new gas furnaces installed after June 1, 2012 to have at least a 90% efficiency rating, stating reasons for objecting.
5. Email from John Henry Zohner, John Henry's Plumbing/Heating/Air Conditioning, in support for the furnace energy efficiency proposal.
  - a) Article written by John Henry Zohner on benefits of proposed furnace high efficiency change, stating numerous reasons to support.
6. Correspondence from Tom Hardesty in support of Item 15 11-178, changes in the Mechanical Code for the City of Lincoln.

## **VI. INVITATIONS**

See invitation list.

## OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

555 South 10th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508, 402-441-7511, fax 402-441-7120

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** November 18, 2011

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Deb Weber, Lincoln Arts Council, 402-434-2787

### **NOMINATIONS NOW ACCEPTED FOR MAYOR'S ARTS AWARDS**

Nominations are now being accepted for the 34th annual Mayor's Arts Awards. The awards will be presented by the Lincoln Arts Council (LAC) Wednesday June 6, 2012. The Mayor's Arts Awards program formally recognizes artistic contributions and achievements in the Lincoln area. Nomination forms are available by calling the LAC at 402-434-2787 or printing a form from the LAC website, [www.artscene.org](http://www.artscene.org). A list of previous winners also is available at that website. **The nomination deadline is Friday, January 13, 2011**

Winner in the following categories will be selected by a panel of arts professionals:

- The **Arts Organization Award** recognizes an arts group that has made significant contributions to Lincoln's arts community over a period of years.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Visual Arts** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the visual arts, including theatre and film.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Youth** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any arts discipline by a young person age 18 or younger.
- The **Artistic Achievement Award - Performing Arts** recognizes excellence and accomplishment in any of the performing arts, including film.
- The **Gladys Lux Education Award** recognizes special initiatives in or dedication to arts education and is endowed by the Gladys Lux Foundation.
- The **Heart of the Arts Award** recognizes an individual or organization for outstanding volunteer dedication to the arts or for making a major overall impact on the arts in Lincoln.
- The **Outstanding Event Award** recognizes a performance, exhibition or project in the previous year (2011) that will be notable in the community memory for years to come because of its content or cultural significance.
- The **Halcyon Allsman Benefactor of the Arts Award** honors an individual, family, organization or business making significant financial contributions to the arts.
- The **Oliva "Arts for Kids" Award** honors an individual from outside of the arts professions whose leadership has enhanced arts activities and experiences for children

Nominations from the previous year are automatically resubmitted, and updates to the 2011 nominations will be accepted. The public also is encouraged to submit names of members of the Lincoln arts community who have died since the last awards ceremony in June 2011 for memorial recognition at the event.

**URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT**  
555 S. 10th St., Suite 205, Lincoln, NE 58508, 402-441-7606

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:** November 18, 2011

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Wynn Hjermstad, Urban Development, 402-441-7606

A Philadelphia brick artist who has been commissioned to create an arch in Lincoln will conduct a workshop for local students **Saturday, November 19.** The media are invited to cover the workshop from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the **Salvation Army, 27th and Potter streets.**

Sculptor Michael Morgan will create a brick arch to be placed next spring in the City's new urban green space on the east side of North 27th Street just south of the Elaine Hammer Trail Bridge near "X" Street. Morgan earned his master's degree from the University of Nebraska in 1993.

Workshop participants will include about 20 middle and high school students who live in neighborhoods in the North 27th Street area. Morgan will work with them to design elements that will be used in the brick arch.

Date: November 18, 2011

Contact: Diane Gonzolas, Citizen Information Center, 402-441-7831

**Mayor Beutler's Public Schedule**  
**Week of November 19 through 25, 2011**  
*Schedule subject to change*

Tuesday, November 22

- News conference - 10 a.m., topic and location to be announced

Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 25

*CITY OFFICES CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY*

**Actual Compared to  
Projected Sales Tax Collections**

	2011-12 PROJECTED	2011-12 ACTUAL	VARIANCE FROM PROJECTED	\$ CHANGE FR. 10-11	% CHANGE FR. 10-11
SEPTEMBER	\$4,803,859	\$4,542,250	(\$261,609)	(\$225,064)	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,991,555	\$5,127,466	\$135,911	\$261,620	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,997,421	\$5,146,367	\$148,946	\$256,447	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,686,548				
JANUARY	\$4,751,069				
FEBRUARY	\$6,012,155				
MARCH	\$4,434,331				
APRIL	\$4,252,500				
MAY	\$4,956,362				
JUNE	\$4,792,128				
JULY	\$4,833,186				
AUGUST	\$5,144,060				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,655,174</b>	<b>\$14,816,083</b>	<b>\$23,248</b>	<b>\$293,002</b>	<b>3.04%</b>

Actual collections for the fiscal year to date are 1.57% above projections for the year.

**CITY OF LINCOLN  
GROSS SALES TAX COLLECTIONS  
(WITH REFUNDS ADDED BACK IN)  
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	ACTUAL 2010-2011	FR. PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-12	FR. PRIOR YEAR
					% CHG.		% CHG.
SEPTEMBER	\$4,612,020	\$4,812,555	\$4,703,478	\$4,822,814	2.54%	\$4,805,254	-0.36%
OCTOBER	\$5,052,950	\$4,845,000	\$4,687,315	\$4,987,584	6.41%	\$5,206,659	4.39%
NOVEMBER	\$4,818,715	\$4,937,998	\$4,922,939	\$4,938,240	0.31%	\$5,219,952	5.70%
DECEMBER	\$4,753,456	\$4,545,947	\$4,502,684	\$4,708,180	4.56%		
JANUARY	\$4,617,097	\$4,465,270	\$4,354,458	\$4,777,606	9.72%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,596,617	\$5,775,594	\$5,426,478	\$5,920,886	9.11%		
MARCH	\$4,421,405	\$4,258,773	\$4,226,466	\$4,418,795	4.55%		
APRIL	\$4,227,476	\$4,119,617	\$4,294,043	\$4,421,797	2.98%		
MAY	\$4,753,366	\$4,744,089	\$5,186,573	\$5,374,035	3.61%		
JUNE	\$4,859,251	\$4,624,054	\$4,662,293	\$4,995,388	7.14%		
JULY	\$4,983,976	\$4,501,197	\$4,567,893	\$4,865,530	6.52%		
AUGUST	\$5,026,702	\$4,856,331	\$5,105,968	\$5,245,798	2.74%		
TOTAL	\$57,723,030	\$56,486,425	\$56,640,589	\$59,476,653	5.01%	\$15,231,865	3.28%

**CITY OF LINCOLN  
SALES TAX REFUNDS  
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PRIOR YEAR
SEPTEMBER	(\$90,282)	(\$435,079)	(\$100,061)	-77.00%	(\$55,500)	-44.53%	(\$263,004)	373.88%
OCTOBER	(\$79,688)	(\$108,925)	(\$95,246)	-12.56%	(\$121,738)	27.81%	(\$79,193)	-34.95%
NOVEMBER	(\$158,855)	(\$86,760)	(\$149,347)	72.14%	(\$48,320)	-67.65%	(\$73,585)	52.29%
DECEMBER	(\$29,848)	(\$209,674)	(\$202,950)	-3.21%	(\$12,388)	-93.90%	(\$5,982)	-51.71%
JANUARY	(\$26,308)	(\$256,270)	(\$257,206)	0.37%	(\$363,009)	41.14%		
FEBRUARY	(\$489,939)	(\$83,713)	(\$104,235)	24.51%	(\$70,579)	-32.29%		
MARCH	(\$325,269)	(\$73,785)	(\$14,233)	-80.71%	(\$485,268)	3309.51%		
APRIL	(\$108,764)	(\$70,988)	(\$75,738)	6.69%	(\$10,063)	-86.71%		
MAY	(\$22,529)	(\$117,201)	(\$68,551)	-41.51%	(\$168,421)	145.69%		
JUNE	(\$136,308)	(\$444,973)	(\$110,343)	-75.20%	(\$104,492)	-5.30%		
JULY	(\$478,184)	(\$331,804)	(\$251,505)	-24.20%	(\$73,768)	-70.67%		
AUGUST	(\$43,759)	(\$11,878)	(\$286,162)	2309.23%	(\$3,563)	-98.75%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,989,734)</b>	<b>(\$2,231,050)</b>	<b>(\$1,715,576)</b>	<b>-23.10%</b>	<b>(\$1,517,108)</b>	<b>-11.57%</b>	<b>(\$421,764)</b>	<b>77.25%</b>

Year to date vs.  
previous year

**CITY OF LINCOLN  
NET SALES TAX COLLECTIONS  
2007-2008 THROUGH 2011-2012**

	ACTUAL 2007-2008	ACTUAL 2008-2009	ACTUAL 2009-2010	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2010-2011	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR	ACTUAL 2011-2012	% CHG. FROM PR. YEAR
SEPTEMBER	\$4,521,738	\$4,377,476	\$4,603,417	5.16%	\$4,767,314	3.56%	\$4,542,250	-4.72%
OCTOBER	\$4,973,261	\$4,736,074	\$4,592,069	-3.04%	\$4,865,846	5.96%	\$5,127,466	5.38%
NOVEMBER	\$4,659,859	\$4,851,237	\$4,773,592	-1.60%	\$4,889,920	2.44%	\$5,146,367	5.24%
DECEMBER	\$4,723,609	\$4,336,273	\$4,299,735	-0.84%	\$4,695,792	9.21%		
JANUARY	\$4,590,789	\$4,209,000	\$4,097,252	-2.65%	\$4,414,597	7.75%		
FEBRUARY	\$5,106,677	\$5,691,881	\$5,322,243	-6.49%	\$5,850,307	9.92%		
MARCH	\$4,096,136	\$4,184,988	\$4,212,234	0.65%	\$3,933,528	-6.62%		
APRIL	\$4,118,712	\$4,048,629	\$4,218,305	4.19%	\$4,411,735	4.59%		
MAY	\$4,730,837	\$4,626,889	\$5,118,022	10.61%	\$5,205,614	1.71%		
JUNE	\$4,722,943	\$4,179,081	\$4,551,950	8.92%	\$4,890,896	7.45%		
JULY	\$4,505,792	\$4,169,394	\$4,316,388	3.53%	\$4,791,762	11.01%		
AUGUST	\$4,982,944	\$4,844,454	\$4,819,806	-0.51%	5,242,236	8.76%		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$55,733,297</b>	<b>\$54,255,376</b>	<b>\$54,925,013</b>	<b>1.23%</b>	<b>\$57,959,545</b>	<b>5.52%</b>	<b>\$14,816,083</b>	<b>2.02%</b>

## Jean Preister

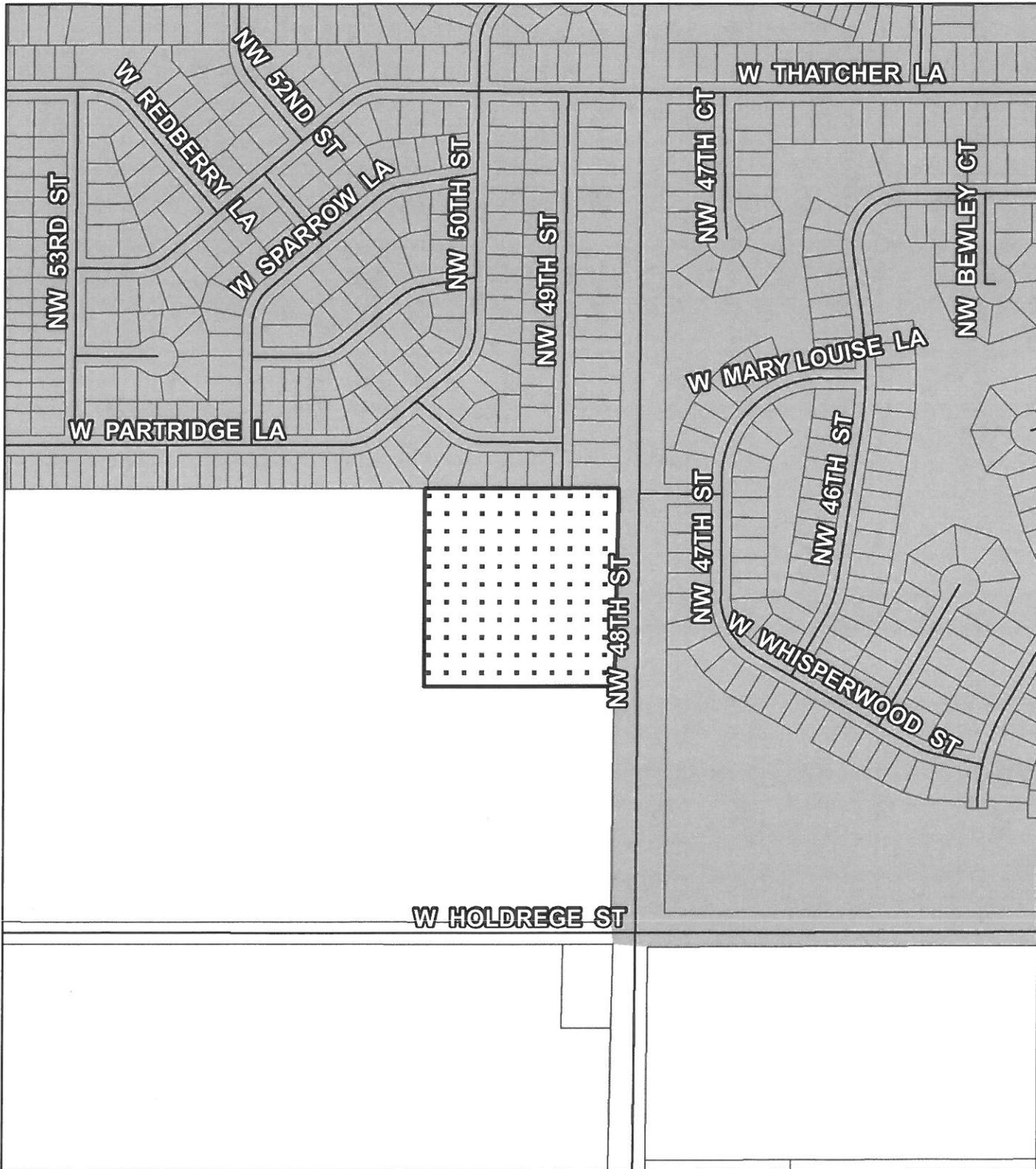
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**From:** Michele M. Abendroth  
**Sent:** Friday, November 18, 2011 12:49 PM  
**Subject:** Annexation Ordinance 19645  
**Attachments:** map.pdf

Attached to this email is a map showing the adjustments to the City limits in accordance with annexation ordinance 19645.

If you have any questions regarding this annexation, please contact Steve Henrichsen in the Planning Department at 441-7491.

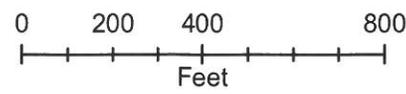
Michele Abendroth  
Lincoln/Lancaster County Planning Department  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 213  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-6164



**Annexation by Ordinance**  
**I-80 West Lincoln Business Center**  
**NW 48th St & I-80**  
**Effective: November 23, 2011**  
**7.79 Acres**



-  Area of Annexation
-  Ownership Parcels
-  City Limits Before Annexation



# M e m o r a n d u m

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**To:** Lincoln City Council

**From:** Harry Kroos, Public Works & Utilities *H. Kroos*

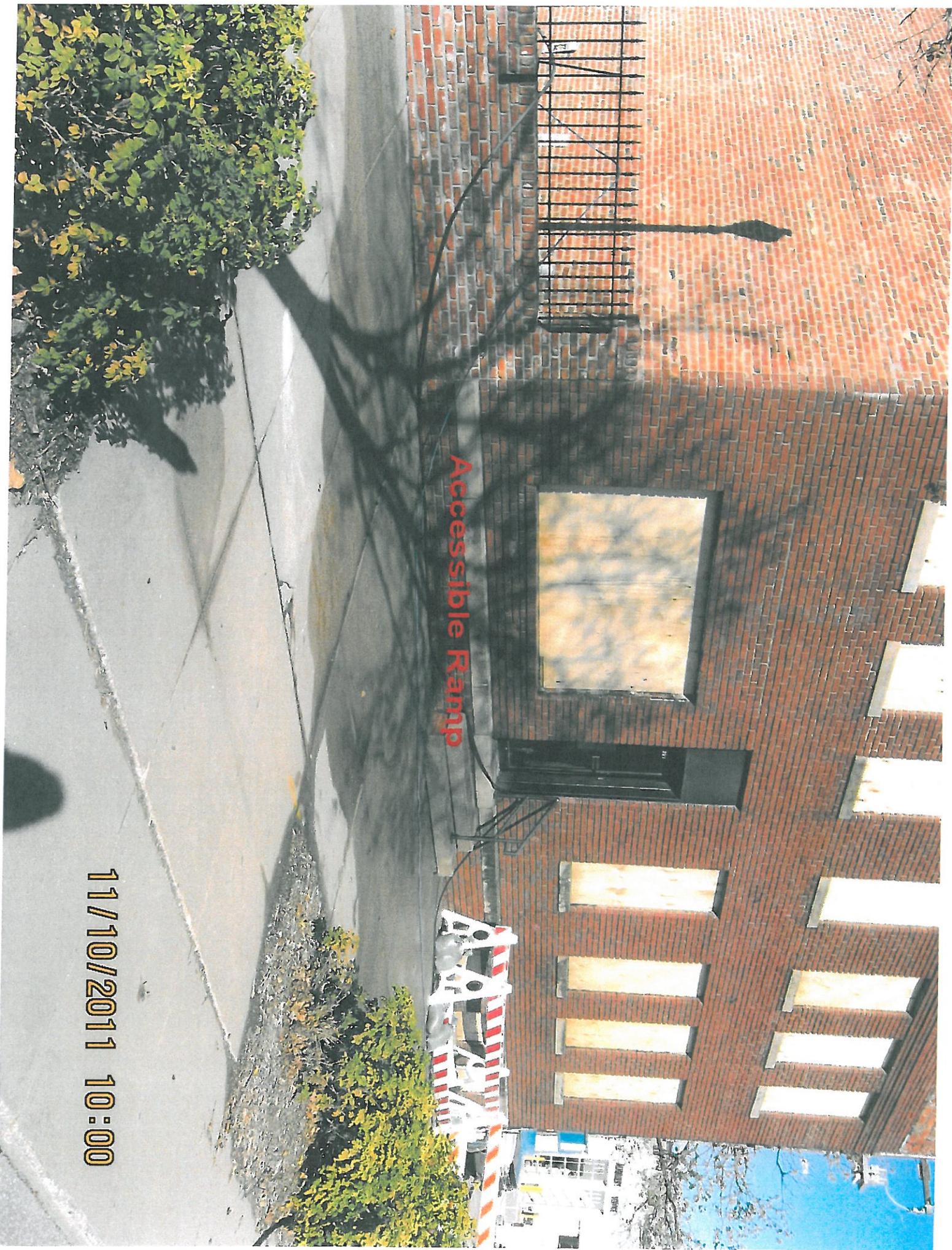
**Subject:** Use of Right-of-Way Permit 301 South 9th Street

**Date:** November 17, 2011

**cc:** Mayor's Office, Miki Esposito, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Thomas Shafer

The Public Works and Utilities Department has initiated a resolution to authorize WRK Real Estate LLC authority to occupy the public right-of-way adjacent to the Booth Fishery Building located at 301 South 9th Street. This building is currently undergoing extensive renovation. This will allow the owner the construct an ADA accessible ramp and landing to the entrance on South 9th Street.

The Public Works and Utilities Department has no objection to the approval of this permit. This entrance currently has a concrete stoop which will not be adequate for this entrance. There will be adequate sidewalk space to allow a 9.5 feet wide pedestrian corridor between the ramp and the planting bed along South 9th Street. I have included two photos of the location of the ramp.



Accessible Ramp

11/10/2011 10:00



11/10/2011 10:00

# M e m o r a n d u m

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**To:** Lincoln City Council

**From:** Harry Kroos, Public Works & Utilities *H. Kroos*

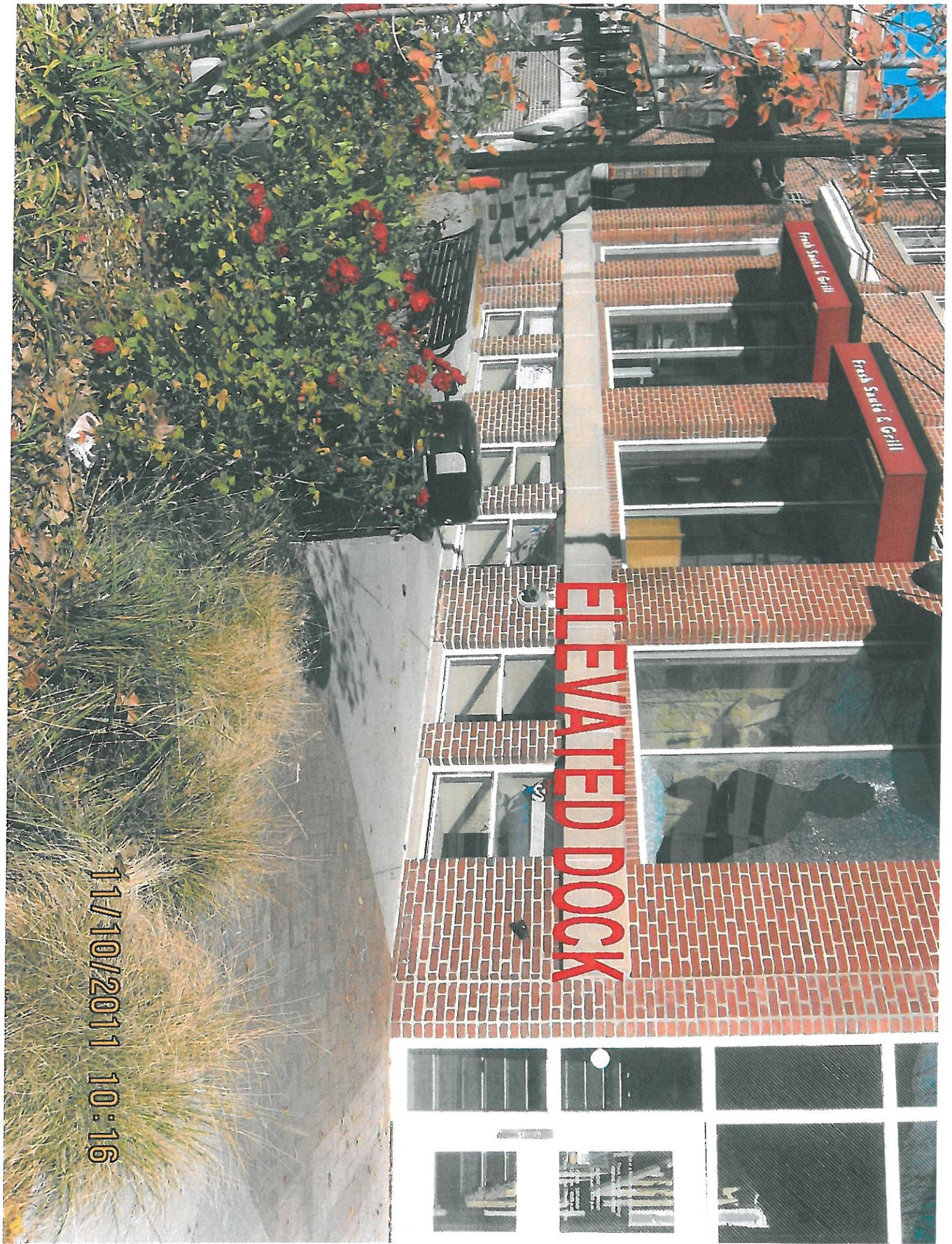
**Subject:** Use of Right-of-Way Permit 210 North 14th Street

**Date:** November 17, 2011

**cc:** Mayor's Office, Miki Esposito, Roger Figard, Randy Hoskins, Thomas Shafer

The Public Works and Utilities Department has initiated a resolution to authorize WRK Real Estate LLC authority to occupy the public right-of-way along 'P' Street adjacent to the property addressed as 210 North 14th Street . WRK Real Estate has signed an agreement to lease a portion of the building to Wahoos Fish Taco Restaurant. This tenant has indicated they wish to have an outdoor dining area similar to the dock dining area which is utilized by Noodles Restaurant. Wahoos Fish Taco has submitted an application for a sidewalk cafe permit to the Outdoor Dining Committee to occupy this space upon completion of the dock.

The Public Works and Utilities Department has no objection to the approval of this permit. The proposed dock area will allow six feet for a pedestrian corridor between the dock and planting area. The edge of the dock will match the alignment of the dock area utilized by Noodles. I have included two photos of the location of the dock.

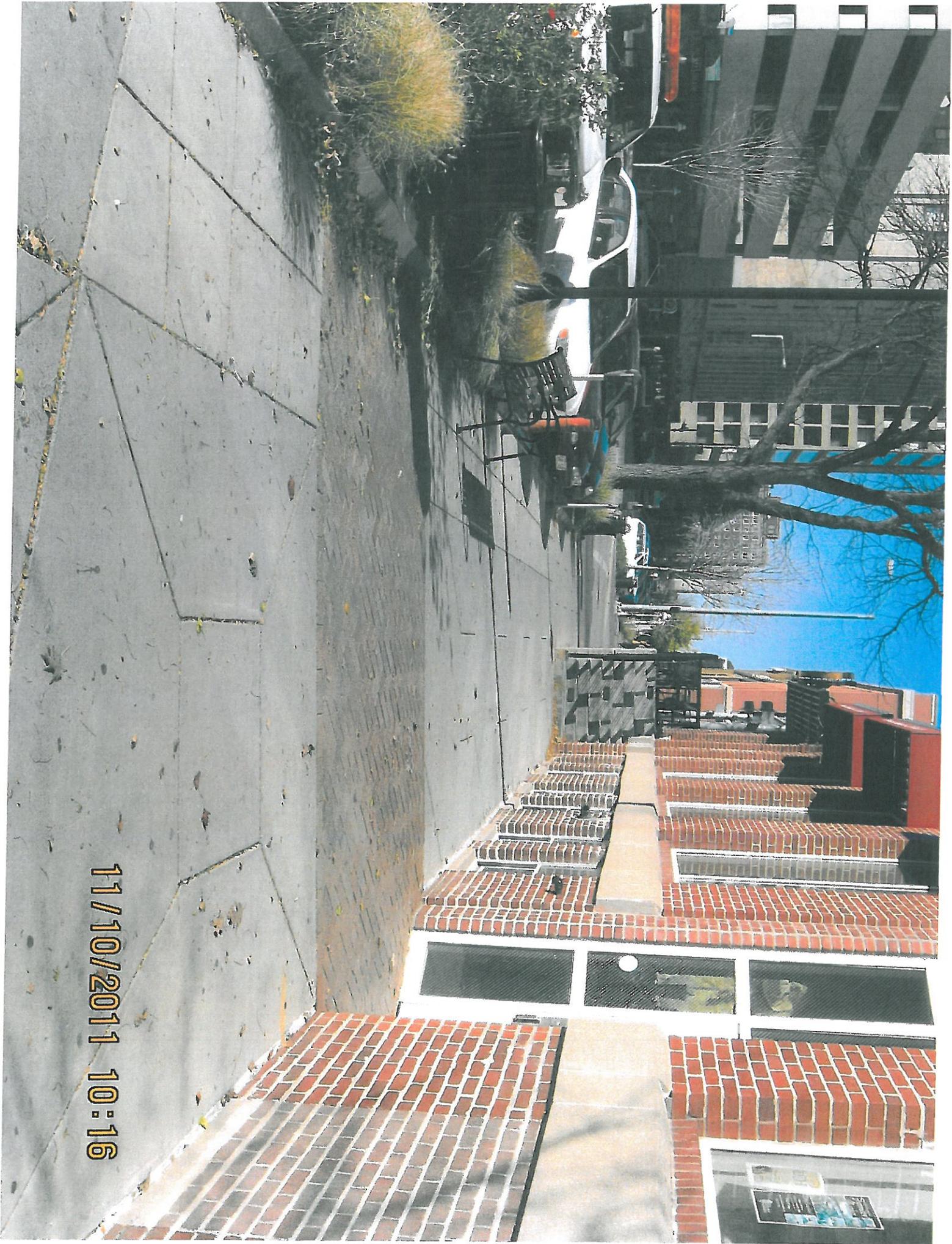


ELEVATED DOCK

Fresh Saus & Grill

Fresh Saus & Grill

11/10/2011 10:16



11/10/2011 10:16

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Michael Sheets [mike.sheets@me.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 12:14 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Village drive

The city really needs to put stop signs and speed limit signs on Village Drive and the surrounding streets. As a pedestrian I have almost be hit trying to cross the street as cars are speeding up and down the drive. Also the stop signs by the Hy-Vee should be placed on village drive instead of the cross street that they are on.

Sent from my iPhone

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Linell Connolly [linells@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, November 17, 2011 4:17 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** LES

I am unable to attend the upcoming meeting but want to share that I am in favor of LES's renewable and sustainable energy programs. Judging by the interest in the legislature's special session and many concerns voiced re: oil and petroleum use, LES's plan is a move in the right direction.

Thank you.

Linell Connolly, 4110 Sumner St., Lincoln, NE 68506, 402-488-8419

## Mary M. Meyer

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**From:** Thomas Higley [thomas.higley@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2011 10:06 AM  
**To:** Eugene W. Carroll  
**Cc:** DiAnna R. Schimek; Adam A. Hornung; Doug Emery; Jon Camp; Jonathan A. Cook; Mary M. Meyer

Chairman Carroll,

I just read the Journal/Star's article about city code for furnaces. I'm writing to suggest the city council amend the code to require 90% efficient gas furnaces only for primary heat systems, and exempt gas furnaces that serve only as back up heat systems.

I suggest this change having learned from my own experience replacing two air conditioners and two furnaces in my own home (24 year old home, 4500 sq feet heated) a couple of years ago. I moved to extremely efficient heat pumps (17.5 SEER) combined with new natural gas backup furnaces. All three companies who bid on my systems said that going beyond 80% efficiency on the backup furnaces would involve retro fit costs that could never be recouped. They all suggested 80% efficient backup furnaces.

The new heating and cooling systems have worked quite well for me. I now use only 340 therms of natural gas per year for back up heating in this relatively large house. At \$0.70 per therm, if I would have installed 90% efficient backup furnaces, I might be spending \$30 less per year with 90% efficient systems rather than 80%.

My home's combined energy consumption, gas plus electricity, has fallen 22% from 148 million Btu's annually to 115 million. This has come entirely from updating heating/cooling systems as I have not yet replaced lighting or major appliances. Had I been required to install two 90% efficient back up gas furnaces at up to \$1500 additional costs apiece, I may have chosen not to proceed with a comprehensive h/c systems upgrade.

I respectfully request that your exempt gas furnaces used only as backup systems from the new 90% requirement.

Tom Higley

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**From:** lkk43@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2011 8:58 AM  
**To:** Council Packet; Jon Camp  
**Subject:** Proposed code change furnace efficiency requirements

November 21, 2011 Public hearing comments

Regarding the proposed city code change to require all new gas furnaces installed after June 1, 2012 to have at least a 90% efficiency rating:

We strongly object to the change.

The change would take away a citizen's right to choose.

The annual cost of natural gas as listed in the Lincoln Journal Star annual heating cost comparison outline published on November 21, 2011 indicates the difference between an 80% and a 90% furnace is \$98.00. The additional cost of the 90% furnace verses an 80% is listed as generally between \$800 and \$1500 dollars. Therefore the payback would take from 8 to over 15 years. The homeowner would have to remain in the residence for this period of time to recoup the investment.

Replacing a furnace is often an absolute necessity and a very costly purchase. The code change is an unnecessary addition to a homeowners expense particularly to those with lower incomes and those who are on a fixed income.

We ask you vote against this code change.

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**From:** John Henry Zohner [jh@jhlincoln.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2011 1:17 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Support for the furnace energy efficiency proposal.  
**Attachments:** NE 11-21-11 Should I Support this Government Regulation.doc

To The Lincoln City Council Members,

I am taking this opportunity to show support for the furnace energy efficiency proposal that you will be voting on soon.

Attached you will find an article I wrote for the Lincoln Journal Star Neighborhood Extra that is scheduled to be circulated on Saturday. Although the proposal appears to be only about energy efficiency, my article explains in better detail this change will improve the future health and safety of our community.

Thank you in advance for any support you can provide for the furnace energy efficiency proposal.

Sincerely,

John Henry (Jack) Zohner



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## Is This Just More Government Protecting Me From Myself or What?

As a kid I remember eating a quick breakfast and then running outside as that screen door slammed shut behind me. Some days I would scan the farm yard for a few seconds before taking off on an exciting new adventure, with my faithful dog at my heels. Those days could be compared to Calvin and Hobbes days in some ways. There were very few rules to worry about other than “don’t get into trouble or hurt”. Often I was luckier than good.

Time forces us to grow up and those treasured days of freedom with few rules tend to vanish. We are forced to become responsible. Some increased responsibility comes with benefits such as getting a driver’s license and gaining the freedom to come and go as we please. Other changes like playing football require us to get physically and mentally prepared before we have the benefit of competing. We often learn the hidden benefits are far greater than winning a game.

Hidden benefits are often hard to see until someone points them out. Then change can be much easier to accept. If change provides good benefits we may even reverse our course and support it. The proposed change in our community on furnace efficiencies is a perfect example of hidden benefits.

Let’s assume you have heard or read the Lincoln City Council will be voting on a change to increase furnace efficiency minimums to 90% in Lincoln and the three-mile area outside of the City limits. Up front it just sounds like more government regulations, which most of us despise. However if we look deeper into the benefits the proposed change is actually just common sense.

Let’s go beyond the most obvious benefit, which is energy costs will be lowered by the change. The initial increase for energy efficient equipment is approximately \$800 to \$1500 installed. The payback each year is in the ball park of \$300 or so a year. Installation costs should be recovered in five years or less. That benefit is fairly obvious so let’s move forward and look at some deeply hidden benefits.

The proposed change improves overall air quality in our community because there will be less carbon monoxide produced with 90% efficiency equipment. Higher efficiencies reduce carbon monoxide output. It’s like taking cars off the street. Everyone benefits.

A hidden change that can’t be seen results from the fact combustion air for 90% equipment almost always must be brought in from the outside through PVC piping. This **reduces air infiltration** and the quantity of air that needs to be reheated. We just “took more cars off the street”. Less infiltration also improves humidity levels during dry Nebraska winters. Humidity levels should be kept between 30% and 50% for maximum health and comfort.

**Reduced air infiltration** also improves the quality of the air. Approximately 90% of homes have indoor air quality issues that most people don’t realize. These are all measurable conditions. Indoor air can be 3 to 4 times more polluted than outdoor air. Over 50% of health problems are intensified by poor indoor air quality.

Another hidden benefit is energy costs will be reduced for renters that pay the utilities. Many renters that can least afford to pay high utilities are forced to do just that because low efficiency equipment is an unspoken standard for most rentals. All landlords will be required to operate from a more even playing field. The gap between “slumlords” and responsible landlords will be narrower.

High efficiency furnaces with PVC pipe supplies and returns can help eliminate the need for existing flue pipes or deteriorating brick chimneys that are often defective. Plugged or defective flues are hard to imagine. Who really thinks there are birds or squirrels in their flues or chimneys?

As a Master HVAC contractor and Master Plumber I accepted an oath to protect our community. That means nothing short of good health for everyone with no carbon monoxide deaths. Although I do not support more rules and regulations overall, the proposed furnace efficiency change makes sense and with a clear conscience I fully support it.

The end result is over time all homes and businesses in our community should have healthier air. That really hits home as I am writing this article because Deb and I just heard we are the proud grandparents for the 9<sup>th</sup> time. I can spend time with my grandkids knowing I did all I could to protect them.

**Mary M. Meyer**

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**From:** Tom Hardesty [THardesty@wellmanninc.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2011 3:01 PM  
**To:** Council Packet  
**Subject:** Item 15 on today's agenda

Dear Council Members,

I am writing to you in support of item 15 11-178 as it pertains to the changes in the Mechanical Code for the City of Lincoln.

I have served on the Mechanical Task Force for a # of these and feel this review has been the most significant in all the years. We met well over 20 hours on this code and at the same time we passed on all the changes to the members of our local Lincoln Heating and Cooling Contractors Association at our monthly meetings. I feel a vast majority of Heating, Cooling, and Refrigeration Contractors are well aware of the proposed code and changes that have been made and any concerns they had were addressed.

We have taken the well being of the Citizens of Lincoln as well as any economic impact this may have on them along with what health and energy saving benefits may result from this code.

I apologize for not being able to attend the Council Meeting in person but I have to attend a visitation for a long time family friend tonight. Please pass along any ?'s or concerns to myself or any of the other Task Force Members that will be in attendance.

Tom Hardesty (pres)  
Wellmann Heating and Air Inc.