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Legal Notice

(First Published in the Columbus News Report Friday, July 25, 2025)
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
CHEROKEE COUNTY, KANSAS
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of
Helen Beth Weir, deceased. Case No. CK-2025-PR-000058
NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The State of Kansas to All Persons Concerned:
You are hereby notified that on July 16, 2025, a petition was
filed in said court by William Edwin Weir, praying for the
appointment of an administrator of the Estate of Helen Beth Weir,
deceased. You are hereby required to file your written defenses
thereto on or before August 13, 2025, at 9:00 o'clock A.M. of said
day, in said court, in the city of Columbus, in Cherokee County,
Kansas, at which time and place said cause will be heard. Should
you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due
course upon said petition. All creditors are notified to exhibit
their demands against the said estate within four months from the
date of the first publication of this notice as provided by law and
if their demands are not thus exhibited they shall be forever
barred.

William Edwin Weir, Petitioner

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July 25, 2025 August 1, 2025 August 8, 2025

Auxiliary hears plans for mammogram bus

Information on the new mammogram van at Columbus Mercy was presented to the Auxiliary by Angie Saporito at the July 15 meeting.

The new bus will remain parked in Columbus to offer services. Patients can begin scheduling after September 1. The hospital will be able to offer this service to our community, once again. Hopes are to eventually have these services offered in house. It was also reported that all areas of the hospital are doing very well and growing.

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ORDINANCE #1667
AN ORDINANCE MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO MAINTAIN OR PERMIT ANY NUISANCE WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF WEIR AS DEFINED, WITHOUT LIMITATION.
Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Weir, Cherokee County, Kansas:
Section 1. NUISANCES UNLAWFUL; DEFINED. It shall be unlawful for any person to maintain or permit any nuisance within the city as defined, without limitation, as follows:
(a) Filth, excrement, lumber, rocks, dirt, cans, paper, trash, metal or any other offensive or disagreeable thing or substance thrown or left or deposited upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, public or private enclosure or lot whether vacant or occupied;
(b) All dead animals not removed within 24 hours after death;
(c) Any place or structure or substance which emits or causes any offensive, disagreeable or nauseous odors;
(d) All stagnant ponds or pools of water;
(e) All grass or weeds or other unsightly vegetation not usually cultivated or grown for domestic use or to be marketed or for ornamental purposes;
(f) Abandoned iceboxes or refrigerators kept on the premises under the control of any person, or deposited on the sanitary landfill, or any icebox or refrigerator not in actual use unless the door, opening or lid thereof is unhinged, or unfastened and removed therefrom;
(g) All articles or things whatsoever caused, kept, maintained or permitted by any person to the injury, annoyance or inconvenience of the public or of any neighborhood;
(h) Any fence, structure, thing or substance placed upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley or public ground so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of the city. (K.S.A. 21-4106:4107)
Section 2. PUBLIC OFFICER. The City Council has designated a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this ordinance. The Public Officer shall mean the Mayor, Code Enforcement Officer, or Environmental Codes Committee member.
Section 3. COMPLAINTS; INQUIRY AND INSPECTION. The public officer shall make inquiry and inspection of premises upon receiving a complaint or complaints in writing signed by two or more persons stating that a nuisance exists and describing the same and where located or is informed that a nuisance may exist by the board of health, chief of police, or the fire chief. The public officer may make such inquiry and inspection when he or she observes conditions which appear to constitute a nuisance. Upon making any inquiry and inspection the public officer shall make a written report of findings.
Section 4. RIGHT OF ENTRY. The public officer has the right of access and entry upon private property at any reasonable time for the purpose of making inquiry and inspection to determine if a nuisance exists.
Section 5. ORDER OF VIOLATION. (a) The governing body shall serve upon the owner, any agent of the owner of the property or any other person, corporation, partnership or association found by the public officer to be in violation of Section 1 an order stating the violation. The order shall be served on the owner or agent of such property by certified mail, return receipt requested, or by personal service. If the property is unoccupied and the owner is a nonresident, then by mailing the order by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the owner.
(b) If the owner or the agent of the owner of the property has failed to accept delivery or otherwise failed to effectuate receipt of a notice or order sent pursuant to this section during the preceding twenty-four month period, the governing body of the city may provide notice of the issuance of any further orders to abate or remove a nuisance from such property or provide notice of the order by such methods including, but not limited to, door hangers, conspicuously posting notice of such order on the property, personal notification, telephone communication or first class mail. If the property is unoccupied and the owner is a nonresident, notice provided by this section shall be given by telephone communication or first-class mail. (K.S.A. 12-1617e)
Section 6. SAME; CONTENTS. The order shall state the condition(s) which is (are) in violation of Section 1. The order shall also inform the person, corporation, partnership or association that
(a) He, she or they shall have 10 days from the receipt of the order to abate the condition(s) in violation of Section 1; provided, however, that the governing body [or its designee named in Section 5] shall grant one or more extensions of the 10 day period if the owner or agent of the property demonstrates that due diligence is being exercised in the abatement of the conditions in violation of Section 1; or,
(b) He, she or they have 10 days from the receipt of the order, plus any additional time granted under subsection (a), to request a hearing before the governing body or its designated representative of the matter as provided by Section 9;
(c) Failure to abate the condition(s) or to request a hearing within the time allowed may result in prosecution as provided by Section 7 and/or abatement of the condition(s) by the city as provided by Section 8.
Section 7. FAILURE TO COMPLY; PENALTY. Should the person, corporation, partnership or association fail to comply with the order to abate the nuisance or request a hearing the public officer may file a complaint in the municipal court of the city against such person, corporation, partnership or association and upon conviction of any violation of provisions of Section 1, be fined in an amount not to exceed \$100 or be imprisoned not to exceed 30 days or be both fined and imprisoned. Each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues after notice has been served shall constitute an additional or separate offense.
Section 8. ABATEMENT. In addition to, or as an alternative to prosecution as provided in Section 7, the public officer may seek to remedy violations of this ordinance in the following manner. If a person to whom an order has been served pursuant to Section 5 has neither alleviated the conditions causing the alleged violation nor requested a hearing before the governing body within the time periods specified in Section 6, the public officer may present a resolution to the governing body for adoption authorizing the public officer or other agents of the city to abate the conditions causing the violation at the end of 10 days after passage of the resolution. The resolution shall further provide that the costs incurred by the city shall be charged against the lot or parcel of ground on which the nuisance was located as provided in Section 10. A copy of the resolution shall be served upon the person in violation in one of the following ways:
(a) Personal service upon the person in violation;
(b) Certified mail, return receipt requested; or
(c) In the event the whereabouts of such person are unknown and the same cannot be ascertained in the exercise of reasonable diligence, an affidavit to that effect shall be made by the public officer and filed with the city clerk, and the serving of the resolution shall be made by publishing the same once each week for two consecutive weeks in the official city newspaper and by posting a copy of the resolution on the premises where such condition exists.
(d) If the owner or the agent of the owner of the property has failed to accept delivery or otherwise failed to effectuate receipt of a notice or order sent pursuant to this section during the preceding twenty-four month period, the governing body of the city may provide notice of the issuance of any further orders to abate or remove a nuisance from such property or provide notice of the order by such methods including, but not limited to, door hangers, conspicuously posting notice of such order on the property, personal notification, telephone communication or first class mail. If the property is unoccupied and the owner is a nonresident, notice provided by this section shall be given by telephone communication or first-class mail
Section 9. HEARING. If a hearing is requested within the 10-day period as provided in Section 6, such request shall be made in writing to the governing body. Failure to make a timely request for a hearing shall constitute a waiver of the person's right to contest the findings of the public officer. The hearing shall be held by the governing body or its designated representative as soon as possible after the filing of the request therefore, and the person shall be advised by the city of the time and place of the hearing at least five days in advance thereof. At any such hearing, the person may be represented by counsel, and the person and the city may introduce such witnesses and evidence as is deemed necessary and proper by the governing body or its designated representative. The hearing need not be conducted according to the formal rules of evidence. Upon conclusion of the hearing, the findings of the governing body or its designated representative shall be prepared in resolution form, adopted by the governing body, and the resolution shall be served upon the person in the manner provided in Section 8.
Section 10. COSTS ASSESSED. If the city abates or removes the nuisance pursuant to section 8, the city shall give notice to the owner or his or her agent by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the total cost of the abatement or removal incurred by the city. The notice shall also state that the payment is due within 30 days following receipt of the notice. The city also may recover the cost of providing notice, including any postage, required by this section. The notice shall also state that if the cost of the removal or abatement is not paid within the 30-day period, the cost of the abatement or removal shall be collected in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1,115, and amendments thereto, or shall be assessed as special assessments and charged against the lot or parcel of land on which the nuisance was located and the city clerk, at the time of certifying other city taxes, shall certify the unpaid portion of the costs and the county clerk shall extend the same on the tax rolls of the county against such lot or parcel of land and it shall be collected by the county treasurer and paid to the city as other city taxes are collected and paid. The city may pursue collection both by levying a special assessment and in the manner provided by K.S.A. 12-1,115, and amendments thereto, but only until the full cost and applicable interest has been paid in full.
Section 11. CONFLICT OF LAWS; EFFECT OR PARTIAL INVALIDITY.
(a) Conflicts between the provisions of this ordinance and with a provision of any zoning, building, fire, safety, or health ordinance, existing on the effective date of this ordinance, the provision shall prevail which establishes the higher standard;
(b) Conflicts between this ordinance with a provision of any other ordinance existing on the effective date of this ordinance which establishes a lower standard, the provisions of this ordinance shall be deemed to prevail and such other laws or codes are hereby declared to be repealed to the extent that they may be found in conflict with this ordinance.
Section 12. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption and publication in the official City Newspaper.
ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Weir, Kansas this 14th day of July, 2025.

Joe Tavernaro, Mayor
Attested by:
Amy Zortz, City Clerk

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ORDINANCE #1666
AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR HOUSING AND PREMISES WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF WEIR, KS.
Be it ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Weir, Cherokee County, Kansas:
Section 1. TITLE. This ordinance shall be known as the “Minimum Standard for Housing and Premises Code.”
Section 2. GENERAL. Buildings used in whole or in part as a home or residence of a single family or person and every building used in whole or in part as a home or residence of two or more persons or families living in separate apartments and all premises, either residential or non-residential, shall conform to the requirements of this ordinance.
Section 3. DECLARATION OF POLICY. The governing body declares the purpose of this ordinance is to protect, preserve, and promote the physical and mental health of the people, investigate and control communicable diseases, regulate privately and publicly-owned structures or dwellings, and all premises for the purpose of sanitation and public health, general appearance, and protect the safety of the people and promote the general welfare by legislation which shall be applicable to all dwellings, structures and premises now in existence or hereafter constructed or developed and which legislation:
(a) Establishes minimum standards for basic equipment and facilities for light, ventilation and heating, for safety from fire, for the use and location and amount of space for human occupancy, and for safe and sanitary maintenance;
(b) Establishes standards concerning unsightly and blighted buildings and premises, both residential and non-residential structures.
(c) Determines the responsibilities of owners, operators and occupants.
(d) Provides for the administration and enforcement thereof.
Section 4. DEFINITIONS. The following definitions shall apply to the enforcement of this ordinance:
(a) Basement shall mean a portion of a building located partially underground, but having less than half its clear floor-to-ceiling height below the average grade of the adjoining ground.
(b) Cellar shall mean a portion of a building located partially or wholly underground, and having half or more than half of its clear floor-to-ceiling height below the average grade of the adjoining ground.
(c) Dwelling shall mean any building which is wholly or partially used or intended to be used for living or sleeping by human occupants: provided, that temporary housing hereinafter defined shall not be regarded as a dwelling.
(d) Dwelling Unit shall mean any room or group of rooms located within a dwelling and forming a single habitable unit with facilities which are used, or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating.
(e) Habitable Dwelling shall mean any structure or part thereof that shall be used as a home or place of abode by one or more persons.
(f) Habitable Room shall mean a room designed to be used for living, sleeping, eating or cooking purposes, excluding bathrooms, toilet rooms, closets, halls and storage places, or other similar places, not used by persons for extended periods.
(g) Infestation shall mean the presence, within or around a dwelling, of insects, rodents, or other pests.
(h) Multiple Dwelling shall mean any dwelling containing more than two dwelling units.
(i) Occupant shall mean any person, over one year of age, living, sleeping, cooking, or eating in, or having actual possession of, a dwelling unit or rooming unit.
(j) Operator shall mean any person who has charge, care, owns, or has control of a premise or of a building or structure or part thereof, in which dwelling units or rooming units are let.
(k) Owner shall mean any person, firm, or corporation, who jointly or severally along with others, shall be in actual possession of, or have charge, care and control of any structure or dwelling unit or premises within the city as owner, employee, or agent of the owner, or as trustee or guardian of the estate or person of the title holder, and such person shall be deemed and taken to be the owner or owner of such property within the true intent and meaning of this ordinance and shall be bound to comply with the provisions of this ordinance to the same extent as the record owner and notice to any such person shall be deemed and taken to be a good and sufficient notice as if such person or persons were actually the record owner or owner of such property.
(l) Person shall mean and include any individual, firm, corporation, association or partnership.
(m) Plumbing shall mean and include all of the following supplied facilities and equipment: gas or fuel pipes, gas or fuel burning equipment, water pipes, garbage disposal units, waste pipes, water closets, sinks, installed dishwashers, lavatories, bathtubs, shower baths, installed clothes- washing machines, catch basins, drains, vents and any other similar supplied fixtures, together with all connections to water, sewer, gas or fuel lines.
(n) Premise shall mean any lot or land area, either residential or non- residential, not covered by a structure and which is subject to a city tax in part or in whole.
(o) Public Officer shall mean the Mayor, Code Enforcement Officer, or Environmental Codes Committee member.
(p) Rooming House shall mean any dwelling, or that part of a dwelling containing one or more rooming units in which space is let by the owner or operator to three or more persons who are not husband and wife, son or daughter, mother or father, or sister or brother of the owner or operator.
(q) Rooming Unit shall mean any room or group of rooms
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