Legal Notice

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ORDINANCE NO. 229

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO GORHAM TELEPHONE COMPANY, INC., ITS AFFILIATES, SUBSIDIARIES, SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, INSTALL, MAINTAIN AND OPERATE A TELEPHONE, CABLE TELEVISION AND FIBER OPTIC SYSTEM WITHIN THE **CITY OF GORHAM**, KANSAS.

Section 1. That the franchise, right and license to construct, install, maintain and operate a system (hereinafter the "system") for the transmission of voice communications, television programming, visual images, audio, data, broadband internet access service, and/or other information or content, now in existence or to be constructed in the future within the corporate limits of the **City of Gorham,** Kansas, (hereinafter "City") be, and the same is hereby granted to Gorham Telephone Company, Inc., (hereinafter "GTC") a corporation duly organized under the laws of the state of Kansas, and to its affiliates, subsidiaries, successors and assigns for a period of ten years, commencing **September 1, 2026.**

Section 2. That the term of such franchise, right and license aforesaid shall extend without further affirmative action by the City or by GTC for an additional period of ten years commencing **September 1, 2036** unless either the City or GTC gives written notice to the other not later than December 1, 2035 of an intent not to extend the same, such notice to be given to the City by delivery to the City Clerk or to GTC by delivery to such company's registered office.

Section 3. That in the construction, installation, maintenance and operation of said system, GTC, its successors or assigns, are hereby given the right, permission and authority to have the use of the streets, alleys, easements and sidewalks of said City; provided, that the same shall be so used as not to interfere with the public for the purpose of travel or public purposes; and provided further, that whenever it becomes necessary for GTC to tear up or dig into any street, alley or sidewalk, it shall first obtain permission to do so from the City, and the grantee shall at its own expense repair and replace any such street, alley or sidewalk to City specifications by the said grantee; provided further, that whenever it becomes necessary to change or alter the grade of any street, alley or sidewalk, the City shall have the right to require the said GTC to remove its lines, poles and cables so that they will in no way hinder such change in grade, and all such work or removing or changing the lines, poles and cables shall be done at the expense of GTC, provided further that in the laying of facilities underground by the said grantee, they shall be laid in such a manner as not to obstruct or interfere with water pipes, drains, sewers, or other structures already installed, and that all such work shall be done under the supervision of said grantor, and upon the completion of the facilities installation, GTC shall furnish the City, a reasonably accurate diagram showing the nature and location of all such facilities; and at any future time when the location of any such facilities are changed, or additional ones installed, then it shall be the duty of the grantee to notify the grantor of such changes so that the diagram can be changed, corrected or kept current.

Section 4. That all the rights, powers and privileges conferred by this ordinance are granted by the City, and accepted by GTC, upon the expressed condition that the said GTC, its successors and assigns, shall indemnify, protect and hold harmless the City against all claims for damages which may result from the construction, installation, maintenance or operation of the said system.

Section 5. That permission is hereby granted to GTC to trim trees upon and overhanging streets, alleys, easements, sidewalks and public places of said City so as to prevent the branches of said trees from coming in contact with the wires and cables of the company; all of the said trimmings to be done under the supervision and direction of any City official to whom said duties have been or may be delegated, the expense thereof to be borne by GTC.

Section 6. That nothing herein shall be construed as giving to GTC, or its affiliates, their successors or assigns, any exclusive privilege, nor shall it affect any prior or existing rights of GTC or any affiliate to maintain a telephone, telecommunications, or fiber optic system within the City.

Section 7. Whenever requested by the City, in order to accomplish construction and maintenance activities directly related to improvements for the health, safety and welfare of the public, GTC shall promptly move its facilities from the public right of way or shall relocate or adjust its facilities within the public right of way at no cost to the City. Relocation or adjustment shall be completed as soon as reasonably possible within the time set forth in any request by the City for such relocation or adjustment. Any damages suffered by the City or its contractors as a result of GTC's failure to timely relocate or adjust its facility shall be borne by GTC.

Section 8. That said GTC shall, on request of any person holding a building moving permit issued by the City, temporarily raise or lower its wires to permit the moving of the buildings. The expense of such temporary removal and/or raising or lowering of the wires shall be paid by the person requesting the same, and GTC shall be given no less than forty-eight (48) hours advance notice to arrange for such temporary wire changes.

Section 9. That the rights, powers, limitation, duties and restrictions herein provided for shall inure to and be binding upon the parties hereto and upon their respective affiliates, their successors or assigns.

Section 10. That in consideration for this franchise, GTC, its successors or assigns, agrees to pay to the City an annual fee of ONE DOLLAR ($1), with the first payment due on the 30th day of September 2026 and continue on a like schedule for every year during the term of this franchise including any extension pursuant to Section 2 hereof.

Section 11. That said GTC shall have sixty (60) days from and after the approval and passage of this ordinance to file its written acceptance thereof with the City Clerk; and that failure of said GTC to file its written unconditional acceptance of this ordinance with the City Clerk within sixty (60) days after its approval and passage as aforesaid shall be deemed as a rejection thereof by the said GTC.

Section 12. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its publication in the official City paper once a week for two consecutive weeks following its final passage, provided that GTC shall have filed its written acceptance with the City Clerk as aforesaid

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Gorham, Kansas, this 14th day of September 2026.

Neil Unrein, Mayor

ATTEST:

Amber Washburn, City Clerk
Sept. 24, Oct. 1

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF RUSSELL COUNTY, KANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF

KAREN R. STRACHAN a/k/a KAREN ROSE STRACHAN, DECEASED

NO. RS-2026-PR-000046

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE STATE OF KANSAS TO ALL PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are hereby notified that a Petition has been filed in this Court by Martin D. Strachan, heir-at-law of Karen R. Strachan a/k/a Karen Rose Strachan, deceased, praying for the Determination of the Descent of the decedent's interest to the following described real estate, situated in the County of **Russell** and State of **Kansas**, to-wit:

The North 63.75 Feet of Lots ELEVEN (11), TWELVE (12) and
THIRTEEN (13) Block ONE HUNDRED SIX (106) ORIGINAL
TOWN in the City of Russell, **Russell** County, **Kansas**;
(more commonly known as 415 N. Lincoln St., Russell, Kansas)

and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by decedent at the time of death; and that such property and all personal property and other Kansas real estate owned by the decedent at the time of death be assigned pursuant to the laws of intestate succession. You are required to file your written defenses thereto on or before the 5th day of October 2026, at the hour of 9:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in the District Court of Russell County, Kansas, at which time and place the cause will be heard. Should you fail therein, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the Petition.

MARTIN D. STRACHAN,
PETITIONER

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Sept. 17, 24, Oct. 1

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NOTICE

In compliance with KSA 25-2310 and 25-2311(a)(3) notice is hereby given that on the 13th day of October 2026, all registration books for the General Election will close at 5:00 pm and remain closed until the 4th day of November 2026.

A citizen of the United States who is 18 years of age or older or will have attained the age of 18 years at the next election, must register before he or she can vote. Registration is open until the close of business on the 21st day before the election.

When a voter has been registered according to law, the voter shall remain registered until the voter
changes name by marriage, divorce, or other legal proceeding or changes residence.

The voter may re-register in person, by mail, or other delivery, when registration is open or the voter may re-register on election day.

Application forms shall be provided by the Russell County Election Office during regular business hours by request, in person or in writing or online at https://www.kdor.ks.gov/Apps/VoterReg. Completed Voter Registration forms may be mailed to the Russell County Election Office, PO Box 113, 401 N Main, Russell, KS 67665. The application shall be signed by the applicant under penalty of perjury.

In witness whereof, I have unto set my hand and seal this 1st day of October 2026.

s/ Kristi A. Whitman (seal)
County Election Officer
Russell County Clerk

Oct. 1

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Legal Notice

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ELECTION WRITE-IN CANDIDACY

Due to recent law changes (K.S.A. 25-305), a person who wishes to run as a write-in candidate for national, state, county or 1st class city office, must file an affidavit of write-in candidacy in order to have those votes tabulated. The affidavit for national and state candidates must be filed with the secretary of state. The affidavit for county and 1st class city candidates must be filed with the county election officer.
The deadline to file the affidavit is not later than 12:00 noon on the fourth Monday prior to Election Day. Monday, October 12, 2026, for the General Election.
Write-in candidates for township office are not required to file an affidavit. All votes will be counted in those races.
The Affidavit for Write-in Candidacy is available through the Kansas Secretary of State's Office or the County Clerk's Office.

Oct. 1

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GENERAL ELECTION NOTICE
NOVEMBER 3, 2026

The following candidates have filed declaration of candidacy or nomination petitions with the Secretary of State or with the County Election Officer of Russell County, Kansas.

NATIONAL OFFICES
U.S. Senate
Adam Hamilton, Stilwell, Democratic
Roger Marshall, St. John, Republican
David C. Graham, Overland Park, Libertarian

U.S. House of Representatives 1st Dist.
Lauren Reinhold, Lawrence, Democratic
Tracey Mann, Salina, Republican
Steven Jacob, Lawrence, Libertarian

STATE OFFICES
Governor/ Lt. Governor
Cindy Holscher, Overland Park/ KC Ohaebosim, Wichita, Democratic
Ty Masterson, Andover/ Jeffrey Klemp, Lansing, Republican

Secretary of State
Jennifer Day, Overland Park, Democratic
Pat Proctor, Leavenworth, Republican
Scott E. Morgan, Lawrence, United Kansas

Attorney General
Chris Mann, Lawrence, Democratic
Kris Kobach, Lecompton, Republican

State Treasurer
Juan C. Luengo, Olathe, Democratic
Steven Johnson, Assaria, Republican
Eric Lund, Paola, Libertarian

Commissioner of Insurance
Dinah Sykes, Lenexa, Democratic
Daniel Hawkins, Wichita, Republican
Ric Koehn, Cimarron, Libertarian

Kansas House of Representatives, Dist. 109
Troy L. Waymaster, Bunker Hill, Republican

Kansas District Court Judge, District 20
1st Division
Carey Hipp, Ellsworth, Republican

State Board of Education, District 5
Lorie Wood, Dresden, Democratic
Jean Clifford, Garden City, Republican

COUNTY OFFICES
Commissioner, District #1
Jason Schoenberger, Russell, Republican

Commissioner, District #4
Melinda Olson, Russell, Republican

Commissioner, District #5
Tony Mahoney, Dorrance, Republican

Hospital Board Position #2
Steven Line, Russell

Hospital Board Position # 3
Rhonda E. Haberer, Luray

TOWNSHIP CLERK
Big Creek Twp
Robert Olson, Russell, Republican

Center Twp
Edward R. Heffel, Dorrance, Republican

Fairfield Twp
No filing.

Fairview Twp
Justin Couse, Lucas, Republican

Grant Twp
Don F. Krug, Russell, Republican

Lincoln Twp
Mike Deines, Russell, Republican

Luray Twp
Rudy Haberer II, Luray, Republican

Paradise Twp
Chris Pelton, Paradise, Republican

Plymouth Twp
Nathan Pasek, Dorrance, Republican

Russell Twp
No filing.

Waldo Twp
Beth Zweifel, Waldo, Republican

Winterset Twp
No filing.

CITY OFFICES
Russell City Council Ward 1
Michelle B. Wagner Schneider, Russell

Russell City Council Ward 2
No filing.

Russell City Council Ward 3
Andrea Garland, Russell
Darrell Gene Karst, Russell

Russell City Council Ward 4
Brad J. Wagner, Russell

Lucas City Council, 3 At-Large Positions
Adam Baker, Lucas
Tarry Dougherty, Lucas
Kimberly D. Steinle, Lucas

Supreme Court Justice
Shall Eric S. Rosen, Topeka, Position No. 4, be retained in office?
Yes
No
Shall Larkin E. Walsh, Leawood, Position No. 6, be retained in office?

Yes
No

Court of Appeals Judge
Shall Lesley Ann Isherwood, Wichita, Position No. 2, be retained in office?
Yes
No
Shall Amy Fellows Cline, Wichita, Position No. 3, be retained in office?
Yes
No
Shall Kim R. Schroeder, Hugoton, Position No. 5, be retained in office?
Yes
No
Shall Lori Ann Bolton Fleming, Weir, Position No. 7, be retained in office?
Yes
No
Shall Jacy Hurst, Lawrence, Position No. 13, be retained in office?
Yes
No
Unified School District No. 299 Question
Shall the method of election and voting plan of the board of education of Unified School District No. 299, be changed, pursuant to K.S.A. 72-8001 et seq?
Under the present method a school board member is elected from two (2) member district with three (3) board members elected from each member district and one (1) board member elected at large and all electors, who are otherwise qualified according to law, and reside in a particular member district may vote in both the primary for the member positions of such member district and for the at-large member position. In the general election, all electors who are otherwise qualified according to law, may vote for all district ballots and for the at-large member position.
Under the new method the school district; will be divided into a three (3) member district with two (2) board members elected from each member district and one (1) board member elected at large and all electors, who are otherwise qualified according to law, and who reside in a particular member district may vote in both the primary and general election for the member positions of such member district and for the at-large member positions.
Shall a change in the method of election and voting plan, as described above, be approved?

Yes
No

I hereby certify that the above list of candidates for National, State, County, Township, and City offices for the General Election to be held at the voting places listed below on November 3, 2026, was taken from an abstract in the office of the County Clerk of Russell County, Kansas.

VOTING PLACES ARE:
RUSSELL CITY
Ward I – South Room 4-H Building
Ward II – South Room 4-H Building
Ward III – South Room 4-H Building
Ward IV – North Room 4-H Building

TOWNSHIPS AND CITIES
Big Creek Twp - Gorham Senior Center
Gorham City- Gorham Senior Center
Winterset Twp– Gorham Senior Center
Plymouth Twp – Bunker Hill Fire Station
Dorrance City- Bunker Hill Fire Station
Center Twp- Bunker Hill Fire Station
Bunker Hill City- Bunker Hill Fire Station
Fairfield Twp – Bunker Hill Fire Station
Fairview Twp – Lucas Community Center
Lucas City-Lucas Community Center
Grant Twp– North Room 4-H Building
Lincoln Twp – North Room 4-H Building
Russell Twp – North Room 4-H Building
Luray Twp – Waldo Senior Center
Luray City-Waldo Senior Center
Paradise Twp – Waldo Senior Center
Paradise City- Waldo Senior Center
Waldo Twp - Waldo Senior Center
Waldo City- Waldo Senior Center

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 299
The voting places to be served are as follows:
LUCAS Community Center 135 S Main, Lucas
All of Fairview Township, Lucas City
WALDO SENIOR CENTER 610 Iva Ave, Waldo
All of Luray Township, Luray City, that part of U-299 in 11-13, Waldo Township

Close of voter registration is October 13, 2026. Advance voting begins in the Office of the County Clerk October 19, 2026. The deadline to apply for advance ballots to be mailed is October 27, 2026. The hours of voting in all precincts of the County will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day. Dated this 8th day of October 2026 in Russell Kansas.

Kristi A. Whitman
County Election Officer
Russell, Kansas

Oct. 1

Death Notice

Janet Lin Loomis, 85, of Russell, Kansas, passed away Friday, September 25, 2026, at her home with her family by her side.

Cremation has been selected by the family. Services are pending at this time. Pohlman-Varner-Peeler Mortuary is in charge of the funeral service arrangements.

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