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A Joint Resolution Establishing the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority; Repealing City Resolution 3524 and the City-County Joint Cooperative Agreement.

WHEREAS, in 1968 the City of Lawrence created the Lawrence Housing Authority as an independent agent of the city with the power to plan, construct, maintain, operate and manage any low rent project or projects of the City of Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, in 1983 the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas entered into a Cooperative Agreement with the City Commission of Lawrence, Kansas designating the Lawrence Housing Authority as the Administrative Agent of the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County for the purposes of making application to the United States Government for Section 8 Housing Assistance, and for carrying out all necessary functions of administration, technical assistance, planning, and all other functions necessary for the successful operation of housing projects, and performance of service of providing better housing conditions to low-income families; and

WHEREAS, in December 1999 the Lawrence City Commission and Board of Douglas County Commissioners notified The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development that it desired to merge the Lawrence Housing Authority and the Douglas County Housing Authority, which was the administrative entity of the Lawrence Housing Authority created under the 1983 Cooperative Agreement, and

WHEREAS, in June 2000, The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development approved the merger request;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT JOINTLY RESOLVED by the governing body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas and the Board of County Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas:

SECTION I. There is hereby created as an agency of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and the County of Douglas County, Kansas, an authority known and designated as the "Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority" (herein called the "Authority"). The Authority shall be successor entity to the Lawrence Housing Authority. On and after the effective date of this Resolution, all assets, property or other items of value titled to the
Lawrence Housing Authority shall be titled to the Lawrence-Douglas County Housing Authority.

SECTION II. The Authority is hereby delegated (a) the power to plan, construct, maintain, operate and manage low-rent housing development or developments of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, and Douglas County, Kansas; (b) enter into contracts with an agencies of the federal, state or local government for funds to plan, develop, support, construct, acquire, or provide housing and housing developments for the low-income; (c) all other powers conferred on the City of Lawrence, and County of Douglas County, Kansas, by the Kansas Municipal Housing Act (K.S.A. 17-2337 et seq.) except those powers to incur debt, borrow money, issue bonds (as defined in the Municipal Housing Law) and acquire or dispose of real property.

SECTION III. The Authority is hereby authorized to enter into public-private partnerships and joint ventures, including the creation of a private not-for-profit organization, as may be necessary to secure funds and contracts to plan, develop, construct, acquire maintain, operate, and manage affordable housing developments for the low-income. All real property owned by the Authority or any not-for-profit organization under authority of this resolution shall be titled to the City of Lawrence, Kansas.

SECTION IV. The Authority is hereby authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the other incorporated jurisdictions of Douglas County to carry out affordable housing plans and developments for the low income in those jurisdictions.

SECTION V. The Authority is hereby authorized to employ an executive director, technical experts and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as the authority may require, and to delegate to one or more of them such powers or duties as the Authority may deem proper.

SECTION VI. The governing body of the Authority shall be the Board of Housing Commissioners, hereafter referred to as “The Board”; established pursuant to the Municipal Housing Act consisting of five members appointed in conformance with the Municipal Housing Act. Three members shall be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the Lawrence City Commission. Two members shall be appointed by the Board of County by Commissioners of Douglas County. Representation on the Board of Commissioners shall conform to applicable federal and state laws.
SECTION VII. Resolution No. 3524 is hereby repealed. The 1983 City/County cooperative agreements is hereby repealed. This Resolution shall take effect January 1, 2001.

ADOPTED by the governing body of the City of Lawrence, Kansas this 7th day of December, 2000.

James R. Henry, Mayor

ATTEST:

Raymond J. Hummert

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Douglas County, Kansas this 30th day of October, 2000.

Tom Taul, Chair

Dean Nieder, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Charles Jones, Commissioner

Patty Jaimes, County Clerk