



DRAFT: Board and Commissions Realignment Proposal

STRONG, WELCOMING NEIGHBORHOODS

All people in Lawrence live in safe, functional, and aesthetically unique neighborhoods that provide opportunities to lead healthy lifestyles with access to safe and affordable housing and essential services that help them thrive.

As part of this proposal, the following Boards and Commissions will be combined into a single board:

1. Board of Zoning Appeals/Sign Code Board of Appeals
2. Building Code Board of Appeals
3. Historic Resources Commission

SAFE AND SECURE

Lawrence is a community where all people feel safe and secure and have access to trusted public and community-based safety resources.

As part of this proposal, the following changes will be implemented:

1. Community Police Review Board becomes the Safe and Secure Board
2. Bodywork Advisory Board responsibilities will be moved to the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department

PROSPERITY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY

The City of Lawrence fosters an environment that provides all people and businesses the opportunity for economic security and intentionally acknowledges, removes, and prevents barriers created by systemic and institutional injustice. Our community succeeds because of collective prosperity and a vibrant, sustainable local economy.

As part of this proposal, the following Boards and Commissions will be combined into a single board:

1. Transient Guest Tax Grant Program Advisory Board (also being considered under Unmistakable Identity)
2. Public Incentives Review Committee
3. Aviation Board (also being considered under Connected City)

CONNECTED CITY

The City of Lawrence has well-maintained, functional, and efficient infrastructure, facilities, and other assets. Connectivity supports accessible, sustainable methods for safely moving people and information throughout the community and the region. Investment in these assets reflects the City's commitment to contribute to the well-being of all people.

As part of this proposal, the following Boards and Commissions will be combined into a single board:

1. Public Transit Advisory Committee
2. Multi-Modal Transportation Commission

UNMISTAKABLE IDENTITY

Lawrence is a welcoming community, synonymous with arts, diverse culture, fun, and a quintessential downtown. City parks and community events contribute to the vibrancy experienced by all people in Lawrence.

As part of this proposal, the following Boards and Commissions will remain separate and will not be combined, but are recognized as being aligned to the Unmistakable Identity Outcome.

1. Parks and Recreation Advisory Board
2. Lawrence Cultural Arts Commission
3. Sustainability Advisory Board

EQUITY AND INCLUSION

Fair and impartial delivery of services so that no group is disadvantaged or burdened along with having inclusive representation and participation for all. Inclusion and racial equity drive the culture of our organization and our community. When we intentionally prioritize race, it can no longer be used to predict life outcomes and outcomes are improved for all. We remove systemic barriers to reconcile historic injustices and their continued presence in our work.

As part of this proposal, the following Boards and Commissions will be combined into a single board:

1. Affordable Housing Advisory Board
2. Human Relations Commission

SOUND FISCAL STEWARDSHIP

Efficient use and sustainable management of resources that align with community priorities. We build and maintain public trust while using our resources to achieve high value. We provide transparent, easy access to relevant, accurate data for budgeting and decision making.

As part of this proposal, the following Boards and Commissions will be combined into a single board:

1. Special Alcohol Fund Advisory Board
2. Affordable Housing Advisory Board Trust Fund (responsibility for distribution of funds under Sound Fiscal Stewardship)
3. Sales Tax Audit Committee