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David Anderson  
Mayor  
City of Eastborough  
1 Douglas Ave.  
Eastborough, KS 67207

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| Don Gragg         |                       |
| Township Trustee  | Landowners            |
| Minneha Township  | Woodlawn Heights Add. |
| 50 St. Cloud Pl.  | Eastborough, KS       |
| Wichita, KS 67230 |                       |

Re: County Commission Consideration of Request to Change the Boundary of Minneha Township, Sedgwick County, Kansas, to include Woodlawn Heights Addition

To: Mayor David Anderson, Township Trustee Don Gragg, and Landowners

In 2014, the County Clerk, in performance of statutory duties, identified a discrepancy in the tax unit boundary for Minneha Township. Under Kansas law, cities of the third class, such as Eastborough, are considered part of the township where they are located. Although the tax unit maps in place showed Woodlawn Heights Addition, Eastborough, to be within the boundaries of Minneha Township, there was no official record indicating that the addition had been formally attached to Minneha Township.

Woodlawn Heights Addition, Eastborough, had originally been part of Wichita Township. By 1963, most of Wichita Township had been annexed into the City of Wichita, and the township requested the County Commission disorganize Wichita Township. Under state law at the time, the County Commission voted to disorganize the township. Upon disorganization, the remaining parts of the township that were not annexed into the City of Wichita would have been attached to other townships. Although several parts of Wichita Township were attached to Kechi and Minneha Townships, respectively, the County Commission apparently did not attach Woodlawn Heights Addition to Minneha Township.

Based on county records, including tax unit and election precincts maps, Woodlawn Heights Addition had been considered part of Minneha Township for a number of years. However, because there was no official documentation to show Woodlawn Heights Addition had been attached to Minneha Township; in 2014 the County Clerk changed the tax unit maps to exclude Woodlawn Heights from the Minneha Township tax unit boundaries.

Although Minneha Township had previously assessed a mill levy against the properties in Woodlawn Heights Addition, unless the addition is attached to the township by the County Commission, the township cannot assess any mill levy against these properties.

The City of Eastborough and Minneha Township have now requested the County Commission exercise its authority over the boundaries of townships to formally attach Woodlawn Heights Addition to Minneha Township. The County Commission has authority under K.S.A. 19-212 *Seventh* to “change the boundaries of townships” in the county.

Based on information provided by the city and township, the township provides services to this part of Eastborough, by interlocal agreement, including street sweeping and storm debris removal.

The County Commission is not required to hold a public hearing on this matter, but will consider the request at its regular meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 525 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas 67203. Before acting on the matter, the County Commission may allow members of the public, and representatives of the City and Township, to speak on the matter. Following action by the County Commission, a notice will be sent to the City, Township and landowners informing them of the action taken.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or if I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,

**Robert W. Parnacott**

Robert W. Parnacott  
Assistant County Counselor

c: Jerry Bogle, Eastborough City Attorney  
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