



# City of Lawton

Lawton City Hall  
212 SW 9th Street  
Lawton, Oklahoma  
73501-3944

## Homeless Action Committee

### Agenda

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Thursday, May 29, 2025

10:00 AM

Lawton City Hall  
3rd Floor Conference Room

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#### **Recommending Body**

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#### **Meeting Called to Order**

#### **Statement of Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. 301-314**

#### **Roll Call**

#### **Introduction of Guests**

#### **Business Items**

1. Consider approving the minutes of the April 1, 2025, meeting.
2. Review and discuss the proposed 2025 Annual Action Plan and take action as deemed necessary.
3. Discuss the current method in which applications for CDBG funding are evaluated, and discuss methods for future evaluation of applications to be presented to the City Council for final approval.
4. Consider recommending to the City Council approval of a Professional Services Agreement between the City of Lawton and AJ Griffin for advisement on the Annual Action Plan and the creation of metrics for Public Service Organizations, as well as improving housing opportunities and expanding housing supply in the City of Lawton.
5. Discuss ongoing safety and accessibility concerns caused by panhandling in roadways and on sidewalks, and consider directing the City Manager to enforce Lawton City Code as it pertains to unlawful panhandling.
6. Consider recommending to the City Council approval of the 2025 Kids First:

## Homeless Action Plan.

7. Receive a report from the Salvation Army and its affiliated partners on the Engage Program addressing chronic homelessness, and provide direction to the City Manager as needed.
8. Discuss homeless encampments within the City of Lawton that are located outside the Salvation Army Engage Community, and consider directing the City Manager to take proactive measures to address the issue, including providing property owners with a Trespass Enforcement Authorization Form.
9. Consider recommending to the City Council approval of the Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority Indenture.

## **Adjournment**



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#### Minutes

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Tuesday, April 1, 2025

3:00 PM

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#### Meeting Called to Order

Chairman Booker called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM in the 3rd floor conference room of City Hall.

#### Statement of Compliance with Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, 25 O.S. 301-314

Chairman Booker confirmed with Tammy Branstetter, City Clerk's Office, that the meeting notice and agenda were posted in accordance with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

#### Roll Call

**PRESENT** : Stan Booker, Allan Hampton, Bob Weger, Sherene L. Williams, Bernita Taylor (Non-Voting)

**ABSENT** : Terri Lee (Non-Voting), \*Melissa Simms (Non-Voting)

\*Arrived at 3:05 PM

#### Introduction of Guests

Committee members present at the meeting introduced themselves. Guests of the meeting introduced themselves as follows: Captain Bryan Brinlee, Salvation Army; Donalynn Blazek-Scherler, City Clerk; Tammy Branstetter, City Clerk's Office; Gary Brooks, Housing and Community Development; Cynthia Williams, City of Lawton Internal Auditor; Heath Want, Fire Marshall; Anthony Garibay, Deputy Fire Marshall; Tammy Huffman, City Manager's Office; Tim Wilson, Acting City Attorney; Charlotte Brown, Community Enrichment Deputy Director; Jonathan Jernigan, Neighborhood

Services Supervisor; Mike Ray, Southwest Ledger; Kim McConnell, Lawton Constitution; Caitlin Gatlin, Communications and Marketing; Joe Hankins, Neighborhood Services; Julia Mantzke, City Council Relations Liaison; Brandie Combs, Comanche County Health Department Regional Director; James Churchwell, Lawton Police Department.

Chairman Booker advised that AJ Griffin will be attending the meeting via Zoom to give her presentation, but we're currently experiencing technical difficulties.

Chairman Booker discussed Committee changes as outlined in Council Ordinance 25-04. Copies of Ordinance 25-04 were provided to Committee members. A copy of Ordinance 25-04 may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office upon request. Chairman Booker noted that the ordinance has been changed to where only the elected officials vote.

Due to the technical difficulties with Zoom, Chairman Booker said the Committee will consider business item #2 first.

### **Business Items**

1. Consider approving the minutes of the October 1, 2024, meeting.

A copy of the minutes of the October 1, 2024, meeting may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office upon request.

**Motion** by Hampton, **Second** by Williams, to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024, meeting. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Booker, Williams. **NAY:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

2. Receive a presentation from the Potts Family Foundation regarding Public Service Organizations and Nonprofits and provide direction to the City Manager as needed.

A connection with Dr. AJ Griffin, Potts Family Foundation, was made via phone, as Zoom was not working properly.

Chairman Booker said he believes Dr. Griffin is a formidable expert on homelessness in the state, and she works for an organization that is really focused on this. He said he is proud to have met Dr. Griffin a few years ago at a Mayor's Conference.

Chairman Booker said when we had the agenda item where we were talking about public service organizations and the potential of changing our goal to homelessness being the number one challenge we wanted to face with our CDBG and HOME funds, the City Manager suggested we bring it to this Committee. Chairman Booker said he then called Dr. Griffin for help and guidance on how to develop measurable metrics. He said Dr. Griffin had a lot of good information in general about public service organizations within communities.

Dr. Griffin said she'd made several trips to Lawton to visit an array of service providers that are working to try to meet the needs of the citizens of the community. She said she wants to encourage the City of Lawton to approach the root of this problem a little differently. Dr. Griffin said homelessness is probably the most complex and layered social challenge that any community must address because there's not a singular cause, nor a singular solution. In fact, the solutions and the causes are nuanced and generally involve lots of people that are not just the visibly unhoused. These are the family members of the unhoused person that you may see on the street. Dr. Griffin said there is also the complexity of unhoused families that include children and teens that are moving from one place to another. The solutions are also really complex. At the end of day, the problem that creates individuals living unhoused is a lack of housing. Dr. Griffin said this, of course, is a challenge in itself. The economics that create this situation are also just a piece of the puzzle. Untreated mental illness, substance-abuse disorders, and access to economic opportunity so that people can afford to place shelter(s) are all pieces of a puzzle that fit together.

Dr. Griffin said what she's seen in the community in her conversations is a need to pull everyone together that has done a great job addressing their piece of this challenge but aren't necessarily seeing their piece as part of a larger system. The ecosystem of Lawton has its own unique characteristics and its own unique assets. As leaders working on this very complex problem together, Dr. Griffin said the things that are getting in the way aren't necessarily a lack of resources. Pulling everyone together collaboratively so that everyone owns their piece of the problem and the solution and works together and acknowledges and celebrates what other people bring to the table is the piece that's missing. Dr. Griffin said what this task force can do to help solve that is to create a shared vision so that everyone is rewarded for being a part of that shared solution. This is hard work, and it requires a lot of planning. Dr. Griffin said a good starting point is to determine what the goal is over the next funding period that you think you can make an impact in the community and the incremental change that you all want, which results eventually in no one living in Lawton without shelter. In discussing the shared goal, Dr. Griffin said to talk about what you want to see over the next twelve months, or over the next fiscal year. Then, you use these metrics to determine who gets a bigger piece of the work next year.

Dr. Griffin noted that this has been the most pressing issue in the State of Oklahoma. She said some things that we have seen across the country that have worked are creative solutions that come from a collaborative effort - not from funding a single nonprofit or single entity and expecting them to be the solution. A collaborative effort includes funding, encouraging and celebrating the work of a lot of different people owning their piece of a very complex systemic change that needs to happen.

Chairman Booker said he's gathering that we may not be working together as well as we should to accomplish this problem and come to solutions for our city. He asked Dr. Griffin if he's correct in his assessment.

Dr. Griffin said this happens a lot in all communities - Lawton is not an outlier. It even happens among nonprofits. Nonprofits that are well intended in doing great work tend to get a little myopic and focus in on themselves and what they do, and they forget that they're a part of a system. Dr. Griffin said until everybody's assets are maximized, nobody is going to be as effective as they can be. She emphasized that it's important to bring everyone together, and to repair relationships and forget about old hurts and competition. Dr. Griffin said the way to do this is with a shared vision or goal. She noted that this task force is the place to come up with that goal. Dr. Griffin said the goal should be surrounded around reducing our homeless population and seeing more of our neighbors living with a roof over their head within the next twelve months, and this goal should include numbers to shoot for. She said how we get there is by everyone working together. The resources should be shared and not siloed. Dr. Griffin said it should not be a competition among nonprofits for dollars. If it has been in the past, you have to let that go, and change the way you fund things so that everyone has to work together. She said you're probably not going to see a lot of progress until that happens.

Chairman Booker said we'll get to work on the shared vision, and we will put this item on the next agenda to determine what our goal is.

Taylor said she's not been to any of the meetings in Lawton with Dr. Griffin. She invited Dr. Griffin to attend a Lawton Housing Task Force meeting. She said she'll be making a report on this group today.

Dr. Griffin said she's sure we are only scratching the surface on the assets the community has available, so she is all in.

Chairman Booker asked Taylor if Dr. Griffin could attend the Lawton Housing Task Force via Zoom, if necessary.

Taylor said yes, we do provide Zoom. She said she will email Dr. Griffin a link with the Zoom information.

Chairman Booker thanked Dr. Griffin for joining the meeting. He said he'll be visiting with her more regarding measurable metrics and things of that nature, and he will bring information back to the Committee. He said that seemed to be where the City Council was going with this, though the Council did not take action.

No action was taken on this item.

3. Receive a report from the Salvation Army and their affiliated partners on the Homeless Program for chronic homelessness and provide direction to the City Manager as needed.

Captain Bryan Brinlee, Salvation Army, provided Committee members with a written report regarding the Salvation Army's "Engage" program. A copy of the report may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office upon request.

Captain Brinlee discussed the "Engage" program. He noted that there is a new Tent City going on at the Salvation Army. He said there are some issues with it, but he will be reporting on the program itself. He said the program is completely new, and it's thinking outside the box. Captain Brinlee said it's so new that the Salvation Army actually asked us to cease and desist on this because there were legal issues the program has never been mandated with before. Captain Brinlee said we've been writing a program for the Salvation Army because it's so new to them, and its stats are absolutely amazing.

Captain Brinlee read a portion of the program's Mission Statement as follows: "We will engage with individuals experiencing chronic homelessness in the name of Jesus, recognizing that true change requires more than just passing by." He said we recognize that the system we're using right now doesn't work. We've been able to get everybody in the Salvation Army, to include other people in other cities, to agree on the fact that homelessness continues to grow and grow. Captain Brinlee said there is a direct correlation in every city that the more money you pump at it, the worse it gets. He said Los Angeles and Las Vegas are prime examples of cities that pump lots of money into homelessness, but homelessness actually continues to grow. Captain Brinlee said we at the Salvation Army decided to try something different, which is what they've done.

Captain Brinlee said he has stats for January and February, but he's not posted stats for March yet because they've been moving. He said there will be some problems with March's stats - he lost twelve people, and he doesn't know what happened to them or where they went. He said we had so many volunteers coming and taking people from the property and putting them in housing that he couldn't keep track of it. Captain Brinlee said this is something that will need to change in the program as we move forward.

Captain Brinlee said in two months, from January to February, we engaged 82 people, and 34 people were moved off the street. There were 44 people still on the property on the day that they were asked to cease and desist and remove people from the property. Captain Brinlee said 4 of those people went back to the street. Currently, as of yesterday evening, there were still 29 people left on the property.

Captain Brinlee discussed the many places that people can go to from Tent City, including the following: mental health, detox, rehab, shelter, help agencies, reunification with friends or family, or jail. He noted that going back to the streets should not be an option. Captain Brinlee said we understand this happens from time to time, but it's one of the things we try to prevent.

Captain Brinlee discussed statistics for their "Engage" program to include the following:

**Numbers:** Jan & Feb, 82 people have relocated to our property to start a new journey:

- 6 have gone to drug and alcohol treatment.
- 11 have been relocated to family. All were sober, and connection and pickup were verified. Three completed treatments.

- 2 have gone to Taliaferro for mental health support.
- 5 have gone to assisted living or Section 8 housing.
- 1 family has moved to a shelter (C Carter Crane).
- Veterans Affairs assisted 2.
- 4 were arrested.
- 1 death.
- 5 have returned to the street because they were unable to abide by the goals.
- 47 tents with 51 people are still camping on Salvation Army property and not on the street.

### **Summary:**

- A total of 31 people have been removed from chronic homelessness.
- 8 have gone back to the street or been banned from the property.
- 1 is still in jail.
- Total engagement: 82 people.
- Failure rate:  $8 / 82 = 9.76\%$  (approximately 10%)

Captain Brinlee said we were blown away by the stats. Texas and Atlanta were also blown away by the stats. He said the national commander of the whole United States was involved in this, but because there was a risk management issue, we were not able to move forward with that. However, Captain Brinlee said he and the Salvation Army are still moving forward with this project.

Captain Brinlee discussed the statistics:

### **Daily number of people served**

- In 2024, the Salvation Army had 4,325 nights of shelter. When divided by 365, this equals 11.8 people a day on average. Brinlee said the shelter cost \$245,000 to run, and it's a 30-bed shelter. He noted 65% of engagement time was while people were sleeping.
- If we are able to just maintain 42 people a day in tents that would be 15,330 days of shelter. All of that engagement would be while people are awake.

### **Hours of Client Engagement**

- In traditional shelters, people primarily spend their time sleeping. They check in at 6:00 PM, and leave at 8:00 AM. All our agencies and volunteers are typically at home after 5:00 PM and are not able to participate in this shelter model.
- Tent City is open all day, allowing more engagement between 8:00–5:00 when agencies are open and employees/volunteers can engage.

Captain Brinlee said the big difference between us doing tents and us doing shelters is the amount of engagement while the person is actually awake - that's a huge difference.

Captain Brinlee discussed the annual cost(s) for the program as follows:

### **Annual Cost**

- Tent City - \$70,332.00
- High-Barrier Shelter - \$240,000.00

Captain Brinlee said he has already budgeted this for 2025 and 2026 in the Salvation Army's budget. He noted that the \$70,332 annual cost to run Tent City is a significant decrease from the amount it takes to run a high-barrier shelter, and it includes the involvement of a case manager. The food for Tent City did not have to be paid for because many people came by to bring food. The tents and sleeping bags paid for by the Salvation Army cost about \$2,000.

Captain Brinlee said by running the "engaged" program in conjunction with our day center and volunteer training initiatives, we aim to connect with 320 homeless individuals in 2025. While it's challenging to predict exactly how many people we can help transition off the streets, one thing is clear. Without fully committing our resources, the homelessness issue in Lawton will persist. This is not something that can be solved by simply throwing money at it; it requires a diverse range of relationships and widespread engagement.

Captain Brinlee said there is a commonality with homelessness - it's the breaking down of relationships. He said you'll see in case management that their relationships are completely broken down. He said what we decide to do in the "Engage" Program is to focus on the following three things:

1. **Stewardship** - ensuring individuals can take care of themselves and clean up after themselves to maintain the property at Tent City. Captain Brinlee said if you can teach somebody stewardship, you can actually get them in Section 8 Housing.
2. **Relationships** - teaching individuals how to maintain quality relationships.
3. **Self-Control** - helping individuals learn how to control their anger and reduce their drug use.

Captain Brinlee said the Salvation Army needs to tear its two-story building down. The thrift store will be moved to another location, and all the social services, staff members, and warehouse area will be housed where the thrift store currently stands. Captain Brinlee said we're in the process of moving right now. He said once we move, we'll have 4,100 square feet of building that's not being utilized. This area will be turned into a Day Center just for the chronic homeless. Captain Brinlee said the space has two offices in it where we can set up desks for other agencies to come in to collaborate and do case management with individuals. He noted that the Salvation Army has secured funding for this project.

Chairman Booker said it's his understanding that the Salvation Army has made Captain Brinlee move the individuals at Tent City outside the fenced area, but they're still on the Salvation Army's property.

Captain Brinlee said that's correct.

Chairman Booker asked Captain Brinlee what problems this generates for him.

Captain Brinlee said none, because he didn't ask them to be there. He said he's actually asked them to leave - they're actually squatting, which means the legal issue is off of us, because I didn't invite them to stay there.

Captain Brinlee said we all want to do this, to include the police and fire departments. He said our vision is not led by policies, procedures and accounting. You can change those three things - those things serve vision, but they're not vision. He said once we have a vision of what we want to do in Lawton, it's just a matter of putting our heads together and figuring out the legalities of having a Tent City.

Captain Brinlee said having Tent City in one location is efficient for us, and it's efficient for all other agencies involved. He said we are very good at referring people to other agencies for help in different areas.

Chairman Booker asked Captain Brinlee if he's fine with individuals being on the Salvation Army's property because he did not invite them in.

Captain Brinlee said no - I have to get rid of that property. He said he would not be able to do this long-term because of risk management. He noted that this is new - the Salvation Army is not used to this. They're actually trying to solve this issue, but it's a slow-moving clock. Captain Brinlee noted that the Salvation Army has other issues they're dealing with as well. He said he's not going to leave Lawton's problem up to the people in Atlanta to solve it - this is our problem. We're going to have to move forward in some facet regarding liability issues with someone getting hurt. Captain Brinlee said being homeless is dangerous anyway, but if someone gets hurt on our property and their family members come asking what happened, they could potentially sue us, because we invited them onto our property knowing that they were intoxicated, violent and/or had a mental health disorder(s). He said this is a legal issue and risk-management issue.

Chairman Booker asked Captain Brinlee if he still maintains liability issues when he did not invite the individuals onto the property.

Captain Brinlee said technically right now, no, but he knows that they're there.

Chairman Booker asked Captain Brinlee what he needs from the City of Lawton. He said he likes the numbers he sees with the statistics, and he likes the Salvation Army

getting the chronic homeless off the streets. Chairman Booker said in his perception, the chronic homeless are the ones that are in our neighborhoods that we've got to get under control. He noted that there were approximately 32-34 registered sex offenders in December when he last got the numbers, and there were also a number that hadn't registered, which is even more problematic. He asked Captain Brinlee what he needs from the City of Lawton in order to keep this going and enable them to reach their goal of reaching 325 people this year. He asked if 325 is the number of people he plans to get off the streets.

Captain Brinlee said 325 is the number of people they plan to engage if they continue their method. He noted that we have to be able to get more than 50% of these people off the street.

Chairman Booker asked Captain Brinlee if he thinks he could get another 160 chronically homeless individuals off the street if the City of Lawton finds a way for the Salvation Army to continue the Tent City close by them.

Captain Brinlee said if we can get everybody in one spot, that will be efficient for everybody, and he thinks that we can do that. Brinlee said that this is particularly efficient for police officers - it's had an impact on the jail. He said there are several people on the property that haven't been to jail since they came there, and they used to go to jail regularly. The program is making a difference.

Captain Brinlee said when we work with people in case management, he thinks that we can come to a "decision day" after individuals have been offered help and have them choose between going to jail or going to treatment, as opposed to going back to the street.

Captain Brinlee said what he wants is for somebody to take over responsibility of the property across the street from them. The Salvation Army has approved getting rid of the property. Captain Brinlee said he has called for an assessment of the property. He said if someone will take over the property, he will do all the engaging.

Chairman Booker said he recently had a meeting with both Captain Brinlee and John Ratliff, City Manager. He noted that Ratliff thinks there may be some ways we could take ownership of that property and shelter the city from liability through an Authority or Trust. Chairman Booker said we need to discuss this and decide if we want to make that recommendation to direct the City Manager to put together a plan to be brought back to the Committee and then taken to City Council for final approval, to potentially take ownership of the property in a liability-sheltered entity so we don't put the citizens at risk, so that we can continue this program.

Weger asked Captain Brinlee what type of time limit the individuals have before they have to decide where they'll go. He noted that we're often dealing with people that have trouble making decisions. He asked what parameters are set with regard to deadlines for these individuals.

Captain Brinlee said this would be handled by case management.

Taylor said there are resources to help people, and the goal is for these individuals to utilize the available resources to help themselves.

Sergant Dimmit, Lawton Police Department, asked Captain Brinlee how many people can be housed at that area, theoretically.

Captain Brinlee said if I can engage like I want to and create the right environment and keep the area clean, I could house 40–50 people. He said he wouldn't be able to do more than 50. The problem he's having is that this area is in a flood zone.

Hampton said this seems to be an answer to a doorway for those who are chronically homeless, because we're not asking them to be in an established area right away - it's sort of a conducive measure to ensure these individuals have somebody that is caring for them by providing food and shelter until they're moved into more of a solid housing situation.

**Motion** by Hampton, **Second** by Williams, to direct the City Manager to look and explore options and opportunities to set up some type of purchase of that property that shelters citizens from any liability. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Booker, Williams.

**NAY:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

Chairman Booker said to clarify, the Salvation Army is talking about giving this property, not selling it, and they have board approval already.

Chairman Booker asked Captain Brinlee for clarification on the people who were bused here from another city.

Captain Brinlee said we have the names of all the individuals on the property, and we have four or five people staying on the property that have been bused in from Norman, Oklahoma.

Chairman Booker said he'd like a motion to direct the City Manager to call the City Manager in Norman, tell him that story, and ask him to not send any more people.

**Motion** by Hampton, **Second** by Williams, to direct the City Manager to call the City Manager in Norman, tell him the story of people being bused here, and ask him to not send any more people. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Booker, Williams. **NAY:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

4. Receive a report from Bernita Taylor regarding ongoing efforts taken by the Lawton Housing Task Force to mitigate homelessness within the community.

Chairman Booker asked Taylor if she is primarily working with a high barrier shelter.

Taylor said that is correct.

Taylor gave a report regarding ongoing efforts taken by the Lawton Housing Task Force to mitigate homelessness within the community. A copy of the report may be obtained from the City Clerk's Office upon request.

Taylor said the last date that we met was March 27th at 1:30PM at City Hall. We had 22 participants, and 17 organizations were represented.

Taylor said that the purpose of the Prevention Committee is to keep people from being evicted. This Committee met on February 14th. There were 7 people in attendance, and 5 organizations were represented. Taylor noted that 43.5% of Comanche County residents are rent-burdened, and 16.4% of Comanche County residents are below poverty level - that is the target group for this Committee. The Committee is targeting this group to support them and help them to become more economically sound, and prevent them from being evicted. Taylor said this Committee met again on March 14th. There were 7 people in attendance, and 4 different organizations were represented. She noted that Comanche County is ranked 4th in the state for the highest eviction rate. Tanna Vu oversees this Committee, and she's met with the Board of Realtors, Comanche County and Legal Aid to come up with a process to get to these individuals before they get evicted. Taylor noted that their numbers are the result of what they've done in order to keep people off the streets. These are not the individuals that Captain Brinlee is serving - he serves a totally different population. Taylor said we serve families and people that you won't see on the street - they're not on drugs or dealing with mental health problems. Taylor said in February, we spent \$7,226.20 of ESG money to keep people from being evicted. We also spent \$700 to rapidly rehouse a grandma, her daughter, her daughter's two kids, and a disabled person who was behind Walmart in a tent. Taylor said they are still in that home today. In March, we spent \$17,037.64 to keep people from being on the streets.

Chairman Booker asked Taylor where she got the money.

Taylor said the money was received though ESG and COC grant funding. She noted that they're running out of funds quickly.

Chairman Booker asked if these are annual grants.

Taylor said yes.

Taylor said from the end of February to the end of March, they have serviced 53 people. She said she has 33 people right now who she will be onboarding next Tuesday. Taylor said we assess everything with the individuals during onboarding, and we also begin case management.

Chairman Booker asked if case management is paid by COC.

Taylor said case management is paid by MIGHT - there are no grants for this.

Taylor said the Outreach Committee last met on March 7th. There were 10 individuals in attendance, and 8 organizations were represented. The volunteers visited Tent City and personally met with 21 of the 32 people there that day. Of these 21 individuals, 38% were female, 62% were male. The majority were between the ages of 25–55 years old, one person was 24 years old, and two were over the age of 55. Of the 21 individuals, 14 shared their "barriers" to shelter. The top barriers were addiction at 64%, mental health was 50%, and criminal record was 14%. Others shared barriers of not having an ID, recent eviction, or constraints of a pet. Taylor said 3 of the 21 individuals went on to the next step. We provided one with a bus ticket to Texas - this person expressed they were ready to go. One was connected with a local church for help in obtaining an ID, and one is getting connected to a local ministry and identification through the Health Department.

Taylor said her report includes a report from Brenda Spencer-Ragland on the C. Carter Crane shelter. She said Ragland had a meeting on March 6th. There were 11 people in attendance, and 5 organizations were represented. The items discussed were chronic homelessness, poverty, employment and affordable housing. Statistics show that she has served 44 people. Taylor said they do a survey and assessment of the homeless people that organizations send to them. She said 14 of the 84 people we served through the Work Ready program since September that were homeless have gotten jobs and have kept those jobs.

Taylor said we all work together to help these people. She said the final Point-in-Time (PIT) count is 221. Taylor said that number does not represent 221 people on the street - she said we count all the people in all the shelters in Comanche County, along with the people on the street and people living in Tent City. A high percentage of these people were at a shelter.

Chairman Booker asked what the PIT Count was a year ago.

Taylor said it was 251, so we're down by 30.

Taylor discussed the medical committee that provides respite care. She said we had an average of 3-8 people being discharged while homeless. However, Taylor said we had zero people discharged homeless last month.

Taylor said the case management team met on March 28th. There were 6 people in attendance, and five different organizations were represented.

Taylor said the youth house is open, and there are three youths currently staying there.

Taylor discussed the Lawton Housing Resource Center. The center will be located at 15th Street and I Avenue. All the organizations that are working together on the committees will be housed there. There are a total of ten offices in the center. Taylor

said there will also be a shelter for families. The shelter will have three bedrooms with its own bathrooms, a large open-spaced living area with cabinets and a refrigerator, six two-bedroom units, and a respite care room. Taylor said this project cost \$3.5 million. We were lacking \$2.6 million, and we've since obtained this funding through an OFA grant. The funding will be used to renovate the building. However, it will not cover the cost of furnishings.

Williams asked for more information regarding the cost of the new affordable housing, and she asked where it would be located.

Taylor said in the grant she's secured, there was money for affordable housing as well. This does include tiny homes. Taylor said the tiny homes that we're looking at are prefabricated at \$45,000. However, there are also infrastructure costs associated with this project. She said we'd be able to construct 10 tiny homes for \$1 million. Taylor noted that there is other affordable housing that's going up in Lawton View at this time.

No action was taken on this item.

5. Discuss the Homeless Action Plan Bus Program and provide direction to the City Manager as needed.

Joe Hankins, Safe and Clean Neighborhood Services Division, provided background information on this item. Hankins said we started the program back in November. However, the program didn't get into full swing until January. Hankins said in January we got filers out and started contacting various agencies about the program.

Hankins said people call him day or night, and he does his best to try and get them relocated with family and/or friends. He said he will get them wherever they need to go. Hankins said as of today, we've purchased 78 bus tickets, with 10 cancellations from people either not showing up or showing up too late.

Hankins said from what he's seen, the vast majority of the people we send out of here are in desperate need to get back home to their friends and family, where there are more abundant resources. He said he sent off an entire family - the father was able to secure a job in Ohio. Hankins said as far as he knows, this family is flourishing. He said he sees this program working.

Chairman Booker asked if most of these people were from the streets.

Hankins said he does not investigate each person, but when people call him, it's under the understanding that they are homeless and have no place to go. He noted that various agencies around Lawton will call him regarding homeless people on their property.

Sergeant Dimmit, LPD, thanked Hankins for all his hard work.

No action was taken on this item.

6. Discuss the current method in which applications for CDBG funding are evaluated, and consider directing the City Manager to establish metrics to use for future evaluation of said applications to be presented to the City Council for final approval. - **STRICKEN**

Chairman Booker noted that this item has been stricken.

7. Consider granting the City Manager the authority to approve the installation of panhandling signs at various locations throughout the City of Lawton and make a recommendation to the City Council.

Chairman Booker said he feels like the City Manager can make these decisions without the Committee's input.

**Motion** by Weger, **Second** by Williams, to recommend that the City Council grant the City Manager the authority to approve the installation of panhandling signs at various locations throughout the City of Lawton. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Booker, Williams. **NAY:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

### **Adjournment**

**Motion** by Hampton, **Second** by Williams, to adjourn the April 1, 2025, special meeting. **AYE:** Hampton, Weger, Booker, Williams. **NAY:** None. **MOTION PASSED.**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:08 PM.

## ORDINANCE NO. 16-07

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO OFFENSES & CRIMES, AMENDING SECTION 16-5-1-506, DIVISION 16-5-1, ARTICLE 16-5, CHAPTER 16, LAWTON CITY CODE, 2015, BY RE-TITLING THE SECTION "PANHANDLING; SOLICITING ON OR NEAR PUBLIC STREETS AND HIGHWAYS"; MODIFYING THE DEFINITION OF PANHANDLING TO INCLUDE "KNOWINGLY APPROACHING, ACCOSTING OR STOPPING ANOTHER PERSON FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUESTING ... MONEY..."; PROHIBITING PANHANDLING, SOLICITING EMPLOYMENT, BUSINESS CONTRIBUTIONS AND MONEY DIRECTLY FROM THE OCCUPANT OF ANY VEHICLE IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES; PROHIBITING PANHANDLING AT AN AUTOMATED TELLER MACHINE WHILE MONEY IS BEING WITHDRAWN; PROHIBITING PANHANDLING THAT OBSTRUCTS THE PASSAGE OF THE PERSON SOLICITED OR REQUIRES THE PERSON SOLICITED TO TAKE EVASIVE ACTION TO AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH THE PERSON PANHANDLING OR WITH ANY OTHER PERSON; PROHIBITING A PANHANDLER FROM ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT IS INTIMIDATING, THREATENING, COERCIVE, OBSCENE CAUSING THE PERSON SOLICITED TO REASONABLY FEAR FOR HIS OR HER SAFETY; DELETING LANGUAGE PROHIBITING PANHANDLING (1) AT ANY BUS STOP, (2) AFTER DARK, (3) IN A GROUP OF TWO OR MORE PEOPLE, OR (4) WHERE A PERSON IS STANDING IN LINE WAITING TO BE ADMITTED TO ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ESTABLISHMENT OR EVENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED*** by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, that:

Section 1. Section 16-5-1-506 is hereby re-titled and amended to read as follows:

### **16-5-1-506 - Panhandling; Soliciting on or near Public Streets and Highways.**

- A. 1. For the purpose of this section, panhandling means any solicitation made by knowingly approaching, accosting or stopping another person for the purpose of requesting in-person in which a person requests an immediate donation of money or other gratuity from the other another person, and includes but is not limited to seeking donations where the person being solicited receives an item of little or no monetary value in exchange for a donation, under circumstances where a reasonable person would understand that the transaction is in substance a donation.
2. Panhandling shall not include the act of passively standing or sitting with a sign or other indication that a donation is being sought, without any vocal request other than in response to an inquiry by another person.
- B. 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to panhandle or to solicit employment, business contributions or sales of any kind, or to collect money for the same, directly from the occupant of any vehicle traveling upon any public street or highway when:
- (a) Such panhandling, solicitation or collection involves persons performing the activity to enter onto the traveled portion of a public street or highway to complete the transaction, including, without limitation, entering onto bike lanes, street gutters or vehicle parking areas; or,
- (b) The persons performing the activity is located such that vehicles cannot move into a legal parking area to safely complete the transaction.

2. Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be unlawful for any person to panhandle or to solicit or attempt to solicit employment, business, or contributions of any kind directly from the occupant of any vehicle on any highway included in the interstate or state highway system, including any entrance to or exit from such highway.


~~It shall be unlawful to engage in an act of panhandling at any location within the City after dark, which shall mean any time after sunset, or before sunrise.~~

- C. It shall be unlawful to engage in an act of panhandling when either the panhandler or the person being solicited is located anywhere within the city at any of the following locations:
1. ~~in~~ In a restroom; at any bus stop;
  2. ~~in~~ In any public transportation vehicle; or,
  3. ~~in~~ At an automatic teller machine while in use by the person being solicited, a vehicle which is parked or stopped on a public street or alley; or within twenty (20) feet in any direction from an automatic teller machine or entrance to a bank.
- D. It shall be unlawful at any location within the city to engage in an act of panhandling in an aggressive manner, which includes, but is not limited to, panhandling by using any of the following methods:
1. Touching the solicited person without the solicited person's consent;
  2. In such a manner that the person panhandling obstructs a sidewalk, doorway, entryway, or other passage way in a public place used by pedestrians or obstructs the passage of the person solicited or requires the person solicited to take evasive action to avoid physical contact with the person panhandling or with any other person; Panhandling a person while such person is standing in line waiting to be admitted to any public or private establishment or event;
  3. Blocking the path of a person being solicited to any vehicle; ~~or the entrance to any building or vehicle;~~
  4. Following behind, ahead or alongside a person who walks away from the panhandler after being solicited;
  5. Using profane or abusive language, either during the solicitation or following a refusal to make a donation, or making any statement, gesture, or other communication which would cause a reasonable person to be fearful or feel compelled; or,
  6. Engaging in conduct towards the person solicited that is intimidating, threatening, coercive, or obscene and that causes the person solicited to reasonably fear for his or her safety. Panhandling in a group of two (2) or more persons.
- E. It shall be unlawful to engage in an act of panhandling, under any circumstance, on residential property without express permission from the property owner.
- F. Except as otherwise prohibited in paragraphs B, C, and D, panhandling on commercial property open to the public is permitted, but only with the express permission of the property owner or manager.
- G. Each act of panhandling prohibited by this section shall constitute a public nuisance and a separate violation of this Code. Each violation shall be punishable as provided in Section 1-1-119 of this Code.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, said portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this ordinance.

Section 3. Emergency. Whereas, it being immediately necessary for the preservation of the peace, health and safety of the City of Lawton and the inhabitants thereof that the provisions of this ordinance be put into full force and effect, an emergency is hereby declared to exist by reason whereof this ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, as provided by law.

**ADOPTED and APPROVED** by the Council of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2016.



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FRED L. FITCH, MAYOR

ATTEST:



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TRACI L. HUSHBECK, CITY CLERK

APPROVED as to form and legality this 22 day of February, 2016.



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FRANK V. JENSEN, CITY ATTORNEY

2025

# Kids First: Homeless Action Plan



**EMPOWER, NOT ENABLE**

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## **Vision Statement**

The City of Lawton exists solely to serve its citizens, including the youngest citizens. We are committed to creating a clean and safe community where every child has the opportunity to thrive, free from the impacts of homelessness.

Our vision is to create a “Community of Choice Where Families Thrive,” ensuring safe and clean neighborhoods for all residents, especially children, by addressing both transitional and chronic homelessness in compliance with federal and state laws.

## **Background**

Homelessness in Lawton is a multifaceted issue requiring distinct strategies for the type of homelessness being addressed. While there are many subsets, two distinct types of homelessness that require separate strategies are transitional homelessness and chronic homelessness.

**Transitional Homelessness** refers to individuals or families who experience temporary homelessness due to life events such as job loss, family disruption, or natural disasters. This type of homelessness is often short-term and can be alleviated through supportive services such as shelter, job training, and family counseling. Several community partners supply these services through Federal Government grants/funding and private funding.

**Chronic Homelessness** refers to individuals who have been homeless for extended periods and show little to no effort to reintegrate into society. Often, these individuals have issues that hinder their ability to follow societal rules and norms. Many are resistant to structure and have a history of violating laws, making it difficult for them to be a part of community solutions. Chronic homelessness includes individuals who engage in repeated criminal activity, including violent crime, substance abuse, and sex offenses, often requiring law enforcement intervention. These individuals do not adhere to basic societal expectations and often pose a threat to public safety, including children. As of the writing of this policy, only the Salvation Army supplies services to this group, and they do not accept sex offenders.

The Kids First Initiative will address both types of homelessness, working with MIGHT CDRC, C. Carter Crane, and various other community partners and resource agencies to assist individuals facing transitional homelessness, and Salvation Army to assist those dealing with chronic homelessness.

## The City's Position on Chronic Homelessness

The City of Lawton is committed to working with community partners, providing compassionate support to individuals who show a genuine willingness to reintegrate into society. However, we have zero tolerance for chronic homelessness, particularly when it involves individuals who violate laws. This includes individuals with histories of violence, sexual offenses, and repeated criminal activity. As of this policy's writing, there are 32 sex offenders currently listed as homeless, with seven facing prosecution for failing to register. It is estimated that 50% of chronic homeless have significant criminal backgrounds. These individuals pose a direct threat to our children and neighborhoods, particularly as they occupy vacant houses and structures in neighborhoods, near schools and playgrounds. The City will not tolerate individuals who violate the law, putting our community and children at risk.

Our position is clear: Lawton will **not** be a sanctuary for those who break any law, whether Federal, State, or Local. Chronically homeless individuals who are unwilling to follow the law or engage in rehabilitation programs will be given one clear message: follow the law or face heavy consequences. The City will not support lawbreakers with public resources. We will enforce the law to ensure our neighborhoods remain safe and that the sanctity of our children's spaces is protected.

## **Executive Summary**

This strategic plan outlines the City of Lawton's comprehensive approach to addressing homelessness while prioritizing child safety and community well-being. The plan distinguishes between transitional and chronic homelessness, establishing distinct strategies for each category.

## **Strategic Priorities**

### 1. Transitional Homelessness Support

- a. Establish partnerships with MIGHT CDRC, C. Carter Crane, and other community organizations
- b. Implement federal funding allocation priorities
- c. Focus on rehabilitation within one-year timeframe
- d. Prioritize support for homeless minors and young adults to age 21.

### 2. Chronic Homelessness Management

- a. Implement 24/7 Kids First Resource Team
- b. Enforce zero-tolerance policy for illegal behavior
- c. Address panhandling through strict enforcement
- d. Focus on public safety and child protection

### 3. Resource Allocation Framework for Transitional Homeless

The City of Lawton is resource constrained and is unable to provide direct assistance. Instead, the City serves as a conduit for federal funding, directing resources to community partners to provide essential services.

- a. Priority order for federal funding:
  - i. Programs supporting homeless minors and young adults ( $\leq 21$  years)
  - ii. Programs supporting families with children
  - iii. Programs assisting families without children
  - iv. Programs supporting single adults seeking stable housing

## **Implementation Strategy**

### 1. Immediate Actions

- a. Establish Kids First Resource Team with 24/7 coverage
- b. Launch "Kids First: Lawton Cares" public awareness campaign
- c. Develop partnerships with local organizations
- d. Implement strict enforcement protocols
- e. Develop resources to enhance Neighborhood Watch Programs.

## 2. Ongoing Operations

- a. Maintain 24/7 response capability
- b. Monitor and enforce compliance with local, state, and federal laws
- c. Coordinate with community partners
- d. Process federal funding allocations
- e. Track performance metrics
- f. Continue relocation program for chronically homeless who fail to take affirmative steps to resolve their homelessness.

# Transitional Homelessness: Support and Rehabilitation

## **Objective:**

To address the needs of individuals and families facing transitional homelessness by providing a pathway back to self-sufficiency.

## **Partnership with Local Organizations (Within 3 Months):**

Partner with MIGHT CDRC, C. Carter Crane, and various other community partners and resource centers that provide assistance to those facing transitional homelessness.

## **Federal Funding Allocation (Ongoing):**

1. The City of Lawton will only allocate federal funds—from sources such as CDBG, HOME, and other relevant grants—**specifically** to support transitional homelessness programs in the following order of priority:
  1. **Programs that support homeless minors and young adults (age 21 or younger)** who are transitioning out of the foster care system, **or victims of crime, regardless of age.**
  2. **Programs that assist families with children** by providing access to essential services to ensure family stability and well-being.
  3. **Programs that assist families with no children**, focusing on helping them regain stability.
  4. **Programs that assist single adults** seeking to transition to stable housing.
2. The City will **not** use any local funds or taxpayer dollars for housing. The City's role is to funnel federal funds to qualifying programs according to this specified priority structure.
3. The City does not directly manage or control the Lawton Housing Authority (LHA), as it operates independently on federal funds. The City's involvement with LHA is limited to oversight for specific programs, but all funding through the City will strictly adhere to the priorities listed above.
4. **Programs must rehabilitate individuals within one year.** Any program that allows individuals to stay in the program for longer periods without significant progress will not be funded, for those individuals.
5. The City is committed to being a part of the solution by ensuring that funding priorities are followed to assist the most vulnerable populations first.
6. The City's goal is to **empower**, not **enable**, individuals and to encourage **personal responsibility** to help them transition back to stable, productive lives.

**Community Role & Responsibility (Ongoing):**

The community plays a crucial role in supporting individuals in transitional homelessness programs. The City's commitment to combating homelessness is rooted in community cooperation and partnerships.

# **Chronic Homelessness: Law Enforcement and Public Safety**

## **Objective:**

To reduce the effects of chronic homelessness by holding individuals accountable for their actions and ensuring they follow the laws that protect our community and our kids.

## **Action Steps:**

1. **Homeless Resource Team (24/7 Coverage, Immediate Response):**  
The **Kids First Response Team** will be available 24/7 to respond to calls concerning chronic homelessness, particularly those involving individuals who refuse to seek assistance or follow laws.
  - a. Team members will patrol high-risk areas, including vacant houses and shelters, to identify and make contact with chronic homeless individuals and encourage them to seek assistance at the Salvation Army or other designated facilities that support chronic homeless individuals.
  - b. If individuals are unwilling to seek help or follow the law, they will be informed that the City of Lawton is **not a sanctuary**.
  - c. Property owners will be encouraged to actively participate by submitting necessary forms for trespassing enforcement to avoid homelessness-related disturbances in their areas.
  
2. **Zero Tolerance for Illegal Behavior (Ongoing):**
  - a. Chronic homeless individuals who engage in illegal behavior, including violence, theft, and substance abuse, will face strict enforcement of the law.
  - b. Individuals who fail to comply with applicable laws will be subject to prosecution in accordance with state and local laws.
  - c. There will be no tolerance for homeless sex offenders who fail to register or individuals whose actions constitute a crime posing a direct threat to the safety of children. As of the writing of this policy, seven sex offenders are being prosecuted for failure to register. Sex offenders who fail to register are creating dangerous conditions for families and children in neighborhoods, as such failures to register deny families access to information that would otherwise be beneficial in keeping their children safe.
    - Additionally, 21 O.S. Section 1125 of Oklahoma law creates a “zone of safety” around schools, licensed childcare centers, playgrounds,

parks or the residence of a victim of a sex crime. This law, with limited exceptions, prohibits sex offenders from loitering within a certain distance of these facilities. A violation of this law is a felony. Sex offenders who violate this law will be subject to arrest and prosecution.

**3. Strict Panhandling Enforcement (Ongoing):**

Panhandling will be addressed through the strictest measures of the law, with enforcement of any applicable ordinances, including restrictions on loitering and aggressive panhandling.

**4. Evaluations of Laws to Protect Our Children (Ongoing):**

Laws and policies will continually be reviewed and assessed to ensure they effectively protect children experiencing homelessness, identifying areas for improvement, and advocating for necessary legislative changes.

**5. Relocation Program of Chronically Homeless (Ongoing):**

Upon the arrival of buses from out of town, an announcement will be made to inform individuals that if they are chronically homeless, the resources they are seeking are unlikely to be found in Lawton.

## **Accountability and Performance Metrics**

### **Objective:**

To measure the success of this plan and ensure that both transitional and chronic homelessness are addressed effectively.

### **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs):**

1. Reduction in the number of chronic homeless individuals in Lawton (tracked through police and shelter data).
2. Increase in the number of transitional homeless individuals successfully placed in permanent housing (tracked through shelter data).
3. Reduction in panhandling and homelessness-related crime (tracked through police reports).

## **Public Awareness & Community Engagement**

### **Objective:**

To engage the Lawton community in supporting efforts to address homelessness through awareness, partnerships, and volunteerism.

### **Action Steps:**

1. **Launch Awareness Campaign (Within 3 Months):**
  - a. The “**Kids First: Lawton Cares**” campaign will educate the public on how to report homelessness, support transitional programs, and encourage responsible community engagement in combating homelessness.
  - b. Local businesses will be encouraged to participate in job training programs for transitional homeless individuals.
2. **Collaborate with Community Partners (Ongoing):**
  - a. Expand partnerships with faith-based organizations, schools, and local businesses to support transitional homelessness efforts and provide mentorship and job placement opportunities for individuals seeking to reintegrate into society.

## **Nondiscrimination and Compliance with Applicable Laws**

The City of Lawton is committed to compliance with all applicable nondiscrimination statutes, ensuring programs and services are accessible to individuals regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability. The City of Lawton also commits to align this Action Plan with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) protections; this includes anti-retaliation and anti-coercion requirements and ensuring federal funds utilized through the programs envisioned in this Action Plan do not discriminate against individuals exercising their VAWA rights. This commitment is integrated into our strategic priorities and implementation strategies to ensure equitable access to services.

The City of Lawton also recognizes federal, and state law is frequently changing. It is the intent of this Action Plan to comply with federal and state law. The provisions of this Action Plan shall be subject to and implemented to the extent allowed under applicable law.

## **Conclusion**

The Kids First: Homeless Action Plan is designed to protect our children and neighborhoods while offering compassionate support to those experiencing transitional homelessness. By strictly enforcing laws, prioritizing federal funding for transitional housing, and taking a firm stance on chronic homelessness, the City of Lawton will ensure a safer, stronger community of choice where families thrive.



## Stats for April Engage Community.

### Combined impact on the City of Lawton.

- 1. Engagement of People: 84
- 2. People enrolled in the Engage Community. 34
- 3. People off the Street: 9
  - Calls to Dispatch: 22
  - Arrest: 4
  - Background checks: engage 18
  - Police engagement: 22

Maybe more at night. Getting a report from Officer Churchwell.

- Trash pick-up in pounds: 8,600 lb.
- List of agencies and organizations that are collaborating.
  - Health Department (CHW),
  - Taliaferro,
  - Catalyst,
  - MIGHT Community Development,
  - Family Promise,
  - Comanche Memorial,
  - Hungry Hearts,
  - Numerous churches and people in the Community.
  - Police Department (working closely with Engage Community)
- Volunteer Training and list. (Extensive background checks) Safe from Harm SA
  - 3 Stewardship
  - 6 mentorships
  - 4 showers. (Monday and Thursday 10-12)
  - 1 case manager accepted the job and will start soon.

### Topics for discussion:

- Food Safety
- Food insecurity
- Development of the property.

LETTER OF AGENCY (TRESPASS ENFORCEMENT AUTHORIZATION)  
**LAWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT**

To: Lawton Police Department  
Records Division  
100 SW Railroad St.  
Lawton, OK 73501

LOCATION (Address) \_\_\_\_\_

**OWNER'S AUTHORIZATION FOR THE LAWTON POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ACT AS  
AGENT UNDER LAWTON CITY CODE SECTION 16-3-1-316 TRESPASSING PROHIBITED**

A. It is unlawful and an offense for any person to commit a trespass within this city upon either public or private property.

B. Any of the following acts by any person shall be deemed a violation of this section:

1. The doing of an injury or misfeasance to the person of another;
2. The doing of any injury or misfeasance to the property of another when done with force and violence, either actual or implied;
3. Each and every actual entry or remaining upon the premises of another owner or person in possession of real property, whether the property is public or private, without the owner's or occupant's consent, express or implied;
4. An entry or remaining upon the premises, or any part thereof, of another in violation of a notice exhibited thereon prohibiting entry at specified times;

**5. An entry or remaining upon the premises, or any part thereof, of another in violation of any notice, warning or protest given orally or in writing by any owner or other lawful occupant thereof;**  
**As the owner, manager or tenant of the real property located at the above address in the City of Lawton, I (Name) \_\_\_\_\_**

**hereby authorize officers of the Lawton Police Department to arrest, remove, or advise any person present on the property without lawful business, during the one year period beginning on (Date) \_\_\_\_\_.**

It is my intent, to cause arrest, removal or advisement of all persons under authority of section 16-3-1-316 of the Lawton City Code .

**I HAVE POSTED MY PROPERTY(IES) AS CLOSED PER LAWTON CITY CODE SECTION 16-3-1-316C. \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)**

I also acknowledge that in order to enforce the Lawton City Code Section, it is my duty to assist in the prosecution of all persons who trespass on my property or who commit acts inconsistent with the peace and quiet of my neighborhood. This obligation includes testifying in open court if and when any case is to proceed to trial.

This authorization provides Police authorization to remove trespassers without first contacting the owner or property manager. Authorization must be renewed once it expires. This authorization only applies to vacant residential structures.

Owner's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Manager on Site (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUST INDENTURE**  
**CREATING THE**  
**LAWTON UNHOUSED TRUST AUTHORITY**

**KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:**

This Trust Indenture is made the 13th day of May, 2025, by Stan D. Booker, herein referred to as the Trustor, and the following individuals as Trustees: Robert Weger, Sherene Williams, Rita Love, Bernita Taylor, Brian Brinlee, Mark Woommavovah, Natalie Fitch, Austin Rabon, and Melissa Sims. These individuals, along with their respective successors as provided herein, are to be known as the Trustees of the Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority and are hereinafter referred to as Trustees of said Authority, (hereinafter referred to as "Authority" or "Trust") as herein set out. The total number of Trustees is nine (9), excluding the Alternate Trustees. The Alternate Trustees are: R.L. Smith and Allan Hampton. These Alternate Trustees do not count towards the total number of Trustees and are listed separately to serve in the absence of regular Trustees as specified in Section 18 of Article VI of this Indenture.

**WITNESSETH:**

That in consideration of the payment by the Trustor to the Trustees of the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00), receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the mutual covenants herein set forth, and other valuable considerations, the said Trustees agree to hold, manage, invest, assign, convey and distribute as herein provided, authorized and directed, such funds and property as Trustor, or other public or private sources, may from time to time assign, transfer, lease, convey, give, bequeath, devise or deliver unto this Trust or the Trustees hereof.

**TO HAVE AND TO HOLD** such funds and property and the proceeds, interest, profits and increases thereon unto said Trustees and said Trustees' successors and assigns, for the use and benefit of the City of Lawton, State of Oklahoma, hereby designated and hereinafter referred to as "Beneficiary" and upon the following Trust terms and conditions herein stated.

**ARTICLE I**  
**CREATION OF TRUST**

The undersigned Trustor creates and establishes, on behalf of the City of Lawton, State of Oklahoma, a Trust which said name shall be the Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority for the use and benefit of the Beneficiary and for the municipal public purposes of

promoting unhoused programs in the City as hereinafter set forth, under the provisions of Title 60, Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 176 to 180.4, inclusive, as amended and supplemented, the Oklahoma Trust Act, and other applicable statutes and laws of the State of Oklahoma.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **BUSINESS OF THE TRUST**

The Trustees of this Trust shall conduct all business and execute or authorize the execution of all instruments in the name of this Trust, and otherwise perform the duties and functions required in the execution of this Trust, and hereby authorize the Chairman and Secretary of the Authority to execute instruments on behalf of the Authority as directed by affirmative vote of the Trustees as hereinafter set forth. In conducting its business, the Trust shall work cooperatively with the City of Lawton and the departments, instrumentalities, political subdivisions and agencies thereof, to ensure full realization of the Trust's mission and purposes.

## **ARTICLE III**

### **PURPOSES OF THE TRUST**

The purposes of this Trust are to plan, establish, develop, improve, maintain, and facilitate the promotion of unhoused programs in the City and otherwise making unhoused programs in the City of Lawton the best of its kind in the State of Oklahoma.

The specific purposes of the Trust are:

1. To promote, create and grow programs aimed at assisting the unhoused population in the City of Lawton by administering a diverse set of services and initiatives that foster increased access to housing, healthcare, and social support systems.
2. To maintain and manage shelters, housing facilities, and other support services for individuals experiencing homelessness, ensuring that they are safe, accessible, and provide essential resources for the unhoused community.
3. To attract state and national organizations, events, and funding sources that can provide additional resources, services, and partnerships aimed at alleviating homelessness in the City of Lawton, and to build long-term relationships with local and national entities focused on homelessness solutions.
4. To foster and facilitate a healthier, more stable, and empowered unhoused population through direct participation in housing assistance programs, mental health services, job training, and other support systems that encourage long-term self-sufficiency.

5. To serve as a fair and impartial representative body responsible for the administration, management, and expenditure of public and private funds entrusted to it, ensuring that these funds are used effectively for the benefit of the unhoused population.
6. To make or cause to be made evaluations, usage estimates, plans, specifications, surveys, cost estimates, revenue estimates and any other evaluations or surveys necessary to carry out the activities and undertakings of the Trust, ensuring the efficiency and effectiveness of its programs.
7. To promote and encourage the development and activities of additional industries, businesses, and organizations both within and outside the territorial limits of the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, that will provide economic opportunities, employment, and services to benefit the unhoused population and the broader community, strengthening the economy and promoting the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens.
8. To acquire (by purchase, lease or otherwise), establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, extend, maintain, equip, furnish, provide, supply, hold, store and administer any and all property (real, personal or mixed), rights, privileges, immunities, benefits and any other thing of value in furtherance of the Trust purposes; to negotiate for the purchase or procurement of properties, buildings, facilities, etc. determined to be suitable in accomplishing, the Trust's purposes; to finance and refinance and to enter into contracts of purchase, lease-purchase or other interests in connection with said properties, and to comply with the terms and conditions of any such contracts; and to relinquish or dispose of its wholly owned property, rent or otherwise make provisions for properties subject to disposition by the Trust and no longer needed for Trust purposes.
9. To lease, rent, furnish or provide such property, buildings, improvements and facilities for activities and operations of the Lawton Unhoused Trust Authority.
10. To make and enter into all contracts and agreements which are, in the judgment of the Authority, necessary or incidental to the performance of its duties and the execution of its powers, and to retain engineers, architects, attorneys, accountants, construction and financial experts, and such other consultants as may be necessary in its judgment and to fix their compensation.
11. To enter into contracts with the United States of America or the State of Oklahoma or their authorities and agencies; or with the City of Lawton or other political subdivisions of the State of Oklahoma; or with corporations, individuals, partnerships, associations, joint ventures, proprietary companies or entities in connection with acquisition, construction, reconstruction, extension, improvement, leasing, purchasing and installing, equipping, maintaining, repairing, enlarging, remodeling, planning,

establishing, developing, and administration of any property, improvements, buildings, equipment and facilities of every kind and nature.

12. To solicit, receive, and accept from any Federal or State agencies grants or loans for or in aid of the mission and purposes of the Trust and to solicit, receive and accept aid or contributions of money, labor, or other valuable things from any lawful source, public or private.

13. To provide funds for the cost of financing, acquiring, constructing, leasing, equipping, maintaining, repairing, improving, extending, enlarging; remodeling, holding, storing and administering any and all aforesaid properties, improvements, buildings, equipment, facilities, and all property (real, personal or mixed) needful for executing and fulfilling the Trust purposes as set forth in this Indenture and all other charges, and in doing so, to incur indebtedness as authorized and in accordance with applicable Oklahoma law, either unsecured or secured by all or any part of the Trust Estate and its revenues.

14. To administer, manage, invest and expend funds coming into the hands of the Trustees as revenue or otherwise, for the payment of indebtedness incurred by the Trustees on behalf of the Authority for the purposes specified herein, and in the payment of the aforesaid costs and expenses, and in payment of any other obligation properly chargeable against the Trust Estate, and upon termination of the Trust as hereinafter provided, to distribute the rest, residue and remainder of the such funds to the beneficiary, the City of Lawton.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **DURATION OF TRUST**

This Trust shall have duration for the duration of the Beneficiary or until such time as its purposes shall have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the governing body of the Beneficiary or until it shall be terminated as hereinafter provided.

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### **THE TRUST ESTATE**

The Trust Estate shall consist of:

1. The funds and property presently in the hands of the Trustees and/or to be acquired or obtained by the Trustees to be used for Trust purposes, consistent with all terms of any authorizations and agreements, including such funds as may be furnished by the governing body of the Beneficiary and other governmental and non-governmental sources.

2. Any and all leasehold rights demised to the Trust by the Beneficiary and others as authorized and empowered by applicable law.

3. Any and all money, property (real, personal or mixed), rights, choices in action, contracts, leases, privileges, immunities, licenses, franchises, benefits and all other things of value coming into the hands of the Trustees under the provisions of this Indenture.

4. Cash in the sum of ten dollars (\$10.00) paid to the Trustees, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by the Trustees.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **THE TRUSTEES**

1. The Trustees of this Trust shall be nine (9) persons. The initial Trustees are the persons identified at the beginning of this Trust Indenture and the same persons who execute this Indenture as Trustees. Succeeding Trustees will be appointed in the following manner: two (2) shall be sitting Council Members nominated by the Mayor of the governing body of the Beneficiary; the remaining seven (7) Trustee positions will be nominated and filled by a quorum of the sitting group of Trustees as the need arises. The composition of the Trustees should include the Lawton Housing Authority Executive Director, Salvation Army Captain, President and CEO of United Way, Chamber of Commerce President, MIGHT CEO, Lawton citizen and a social worker, but is not expressly required to include such individuals. All individuals nominated to serve as a Trustee shall require confirmation by way of appointment by the governing body of the Beneficiary. At least six (6) of sitting Trustees must be residents of the City of Lawton (i.e., must reside within the city limits of the City of Lawton). If a Trustee moves outside the city limits during their term and the overall composition of Trustees falls below the threshold of Lawton city residents, one or more of the non-resident Trustees will have to be replaced to comply with the requirements contained herein. However, the residency requirement will NOT be applicable to the original nine (9) trustees named in this indenture. This requirement will only apply to their successors. The Director of the City of Lawton Community Enrichment Department, the Chief of the City of Lawton Police Department and Fire Marshal of the City of Lawton Fire Department will serve as ex-officio trustees.

2. Trustees Sherene Williams (council member), Allan Hampton (alternate) (council member), Rita Love and Bernita Taylor shall initially serve a term of one (1) year. Trustees Robert Weger (council member), R.L. Smith (alternate) (councilmember), Natalie Fitch and Austin Rabon shall initially serve a term of two (2) years. Trustees Brian Brinlee, Mark Woommavovah and Melissa Sims shall initially serve a term of three (3) years. Following the expiration of the initial term of each Trustee, all appointments

as Trustees shall be for a three (3) year term unless a Trustee becomes disqualified or is removed for cause under the provisions of this Indenture.

3. Upon occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Trustee, due to death, resignation, disqualification, removal or other cause, a successor Trustee shall be appointed in the same manner as the original appointments. The original Trustees and each successor in office shall be public officers and the oath of office of public officers shall be administered to all Trustees, as a condition precedent to their becoming Trustees of the Trust, by any person authorized to administer oaths in the State of Oklahoma. The oath of office of the initial Trustees and successor Trustees shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for the City of Lawton or as otherwise provided by law.

4. No bonds shall be required of any Trustees except that any officer or employee of the Trust who handles funds shall furnish a good and sufficient fidelity bond in an amount to be determined by the Trust.

5. The Trustees of this Trust may be removed from office for cause, including incompetency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office, by the appointing body.

6. The Trustees are hereby authorized to adopt by-laws and to amend the same from time to time. Such by-laws may prescribe requirements for meetings of the Trustees, frequency and time of meetings, duties of officers and other matters commonly prescribed by by-laws consistent with the provisions of this Indenture.

7. The Trustees of this Trust shall elect a Trustee as Chairperson of the Trust, who shall preside at all meetings and perform other duties designated by the Trustees. All action by the Trustees pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture shall be approved by an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the nine (9) Trustees, unless a greater percentage is required by provisions of Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes cited above or other applicable law. The Trustees of this Trust shall also elect a Trustee as Vice-Chairperson of the Trust, who shall act in the place of the Chairperson during the latter's absence or incapacity to act.

8. The Trustees of this Trust shall elect a Trustee as Secretary of the Trust. The Trustees may also appoint an Assistant Secretary who may or may not be one of the Trustees and may or may not be an officer or employee of the Beneficiary. The Secretary or Assistant Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Trustees and shall maintain complete and accurate records of all Trust transactions with all minutes, books and records to be on file in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Lawton. Meetings of the Trustees shall be held and conducted pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act and all minutes, books and records will be available for inspection and copying at the office of the City Clerk as provided by the Oklahoma Open Records Act.

9. The Trustees of this Trust shall elect a Trustee as Treasurer of the Trust. The Trustees may also appoint an Assistant Treasurer who may or may not be a Trustee and may or may not be an officer or employee of the Beneficiary.

10. All Trustees shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

11. The Trustees may employ a Director to manage the Trust's facilities and conduct business of the Trust, who may not be one of the Trustees and who may be authorized to employ such other subordinate employees as may be deemed necessary in the discretion of the Trustees to properly fulfill the purposes of the Trust and properly operate the business of the Trust Estate, and the Trustees may fix their duties, terms of employment and compensation or delegate such authority to the Director. The Director or any other employee of the Trust shall not be a person who serves as an officer or employee of the Beneficiary. The Director and all employees hired by the Trust must pass a criminal background check as a condition of employment.

12. Bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued by the Trustees shall not constitute an indebtedness of the Beneficiary, the State of Oklahoma, or personal obligations of the Trustees of the Trust, but shall constitute obligations of the Trust payable solely from the Trust Estate.

13. The Trustees and the Beneficiary shall not be charged personally with any liability whatsoever by reason of any act or omission committed or suffered in good faith or in the exercise of their honest discretion in the performance of their duties or in the administration of the Trust Estate; but liability for any act or omission of the Trustees in carrying out their duties or administering the Trust Estate shall extend to the whole of the Trust Estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to discharge such liability or obligation.

14. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture which shall appear to provide otherwise, no Trustee or Trustees shall have the power or authority to bind or obligate any other Trustee, or the Beneficiary, nor can the Beneficiary bind or obligate the Trust or any individual Trustee.

15. Each qualified successor Trustee shall, without any further act, instrument or conveyance, be fully vested with all the estate, properties, rights, powers, duties and obligations of his or her predecessor hereunder, with like effect as if originally named as a Trustee herein.

16. Contracts, conveyances, leases, evidence of indebtedness and all other instruments in writing of the Authority shall be executed in its name by its Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, attested by its Secretary or Assistant Secretary with the Seal of the Authority. It shall not be necessary for all Trustees to so execute such instruments, even

though their names, as Trustees, may have appeared in any such instruments in writing in favor of or to the Authority.

17. The Trust shall cause to be prepared annually at the close of each fiscal year of the Authority an audit of the funds, financial affairs and transactions of the Authority. Such audit is to be certified with an unqualified opinion of a certified public accountant. Such audit shall be prepared in accordance with the standards set by the Oklahoma State Examiner and Inspector. A copy of such annual audit shall be forwarded to the Oklahoma State Examiner and Inspector and placed on file in the office of the City Clerk of the Beneficiary. Unless changed by Resolution of the Trustees, the fiscal year of the Authority shall be identical with the fiscal year of the Beneficiary. The Trust shall provide an official copy of the audit to the City of Lawton Director of Finance.

18. Alternate Trustees. There shall be two alternate trustees.

a. Membership and Appointment: The alternate trustees shall be members of the City Council of Lawton, Oklahoma. Each alternate trustee shall serve as the alternate for the regular city council trustee with whom they share the same term on the trust. The appointment of alternate trustees shall be confirmed by the City Council to ensure alignment with the trust's objectives .

b. Role of Alternate Trustees / Duties and responsibilities: The role of alternate trustees is to serve in the absence of regular city council trustees and does not increase the total number of trustees from nine (9) to eleven (11). Alternate trustees shall only serve during meetings when a regular city council trustee is unable to attend. In the event the regular city council trustee is unable to attend a trust meeting, the alternate trustee shall serve in their place for that meeting only. During such meetings, alternate trustees shall have the same rights and responsibilities as the regular trustee, including the ability to participate in discussions and deliberations. However, alternate trustees shall not count towards the total number of trustees, which remains at nine (9) as specified in this Indenture.

c. Notification and Quorum: Alternate trustees must be notified in advance of their required attendance to ensure proper representation. When serving in the place of a regular city council trustee, the presence of an alternate trustee shall count towards the quorum for the meeting, thereby facilitating the trust's ability to conduct its business effectively. When not serving in the place of a regular city council trustee, an alternative trustee's presence shall not count towards the quorum for the meeting.

d. Voting Rights: Alternate trustees shall not have voting rights unless they are serving in place of the regular city council trustee.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE TRUSTEES**

To accomplish the purposes of the Trust, and subject to the provisions and limitations otherwise provided in the Indenture, the Trustees shall have, in addition to the powers incident to their offices and the powers granted to them in other parts of this Indenture, the following rights, powers, duties, authority, discretion and privileges, all of which may be exercised by them:

1. To employ a Director and such other persons as specified above as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the Trust, and to provide for all compensation and benefits therefor as they deem appropriate. The Director and all employees hired by the Trust must pass a criminal background check as a condition of employment.
2. To finance, refinance, acquire, establish, develop, construct, enlarge, improve, extend, maintain, equip, lease, furnish, provide, supply, hold, store, operate and administer any of the facilities, property, buildings and improvements designated pursuant to Article III hereof as the Trustees shall determine necessary, and enter into contracts for the same in compliance with Title 60, Oklahoma Statutes, Section 176, as applicable.
3. To retain such architectural, engineering, and other firm or firms as the Trustees deem necessary to prepare such preliminary and detailed studies, plans, structural integrity reports, specifications, cost estimates, and feasibility reports as are required in the opinion of the Trustees, with the cost of such architectural, engineering and other services being paid out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds or from such other funds as may be available.
4. To enter into contracts for the sales of bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness or obligations of the Trust as authorized by the terms of this Indenture and Title 60 of the Oklahoma Statutes cited above and for such purposes may:
  - a. Retain a financial advisor or advisors, to advise and assist the Trustees in the marketing of such bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness or obligations, and to present financial plans for the financing and completion of each project, and to recommend to, or consult with, the Trustees concerning the terms and provisions of bond indentures and bond issues, and may pay appropriate compensation for such work and services performed in the furtherance of the project;

- b. Sell all bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness or obligations of the Trust in whole or in installments or series and on such terms and conditions and in such manner as is prescribed by law and as the Trustees shall deem to be in the best interest of the Trust Estate; and
  - c. Retain and compensate bond/note counsel, paying agencies and corporate officials in connection with issuance of any such bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness or obligations of the Trust.
5. To enter into and execute, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire property (real, personal or mixed), contracts, leases, rights, privileges, benefits, chooses in action or other things of value and to pay for the same in cash, with bonds, notes or other evidence of indebtedness.
6. To make and change investments; to convert real into personal property and vice versa; to lease, improve, exchange or sell its wholly owned property, at public or private sale, upon such terms as they deem proper, and to resell its wholly owned property, at any time and as often as they deem advisable; to borrow money, or renew loans to the Trust, to refund outstanding bonded indebtedness, and to secure the same by mortgage, lien, pledge or otherwise; to exchange or purchase property to and from the Beneficiary or other entities, and construct, improve, repair, extend, remodel and equip facilities thereon; and do all things provided for in Article III of this Indenture.
7. To make and perform contracts of every kind, with any firm, person, corporation, association, joint venture, trusteeship, municipality, government, sovereignty or other entity; and without limitation as to amount, to draw, make, accept, endorse, assume, guarantee, account, execute and issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, acceptances, warranties, bonds, debentures and other negotiable or non-negotiable instruments, obligations and evidences of unsecured indebtedness, or of indebtedness secured by mortgage, deed of trust or otherwise upon any or all income of the Trust, in the same manner and to the same extent as a natural person might or could do.
8. To fix, demand and collect charges, rentals and fees for the services and facilities of the Trust and to discontinue furnishing of services and facilities to any person, firm or corporation, or public instrumentality other than the Beneficiary, delinquent in the payment of any indebtedness to the Trust.
9. To purchase and sell such supplies, goods and commodities as are incident to the operation of the Trust's facilities and properties.
10. To collect and receive any property, money or income of any kind or nature and distribute the same or any portion thereof for the furtherance of the authorized Trust purposes set out in this Indenture.

11. To do all acts in their judgment necessary or desirable for the proper and advantageous management, investment and distribution of the Trust Estate and the income therefrom.
12. To hold title, legal and equitable, to the property of the Trust, as such title in the Trustees is necessary for the proper execution of this Indenture.
13. To contract for the furnishing of any services or the performance of any duties that they may deem necessary and proper and pay for the same from the Trust Estate.
14. To select appropriate depositories for the funds and securities of the Trust.
15. To compromise any colorable debts or claims of or against the Trust Estate, and may adjust any dispute in relation to such debts or claims by arbitration or otherwise and may pay any debts or claims against the Trust Estate upon evidence deemed by the Trustees to be sufficient; to bring any suit or action which in their judgment is necessary and proper to protect the interests of the Trust Estate, or to enforce any claim, demand or contract for the Trust, and shall defend, in their discretion, any suit against the Trust, or the Trustees or employees, agents or servants thereof acting within the scope of their employment and duties; and may compromise and settle any suit or action, and discharge the same out of assets of the Trust Estate, together with court costs and attorney's fees upon order of the Court, with all such expenditures being treated as expenses of executing this Indenture.
16. To annually submit a written report on the Authority's progress in achieving its goals to the Council.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **BENEFICIARY OF THE TRUST**

1. The Beneficiary of this Trust shall be the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, under and pursuant to Title 60, Oklahoma Statutes, Sections 176 to 180.4, inclusive, as amended and supplemented, and other applicable statutes of the State of Oklahoma presently in force and effect or hereinafter enacted. The Trustor now declares this Trust Indenture shall be irrevocable from the moment it is signed and delivered to the Trustees, and that said Trustor shall thereafter stand, by himself, without any power whatsoever at any time to alter, amend, revise, modify, revoke any provisions of this Trust Indenture without the agreement of the Trustees. The Trustor does expressly reserve the right to terminate the Trust if any of the conditions in Article IX are met and/or if Council decides to terminate the Trust by a majority vote.
2. The Beneficiary shall have no legal title, claim or right to the Trust Estate, or to demand or require any partition or distribution thereof. Nor shall the Beneficiary have any authority, power or right, whatsoever, to do or transact any business for, or on

behalf of, or binding upon the Trustees or upon the Trust Estate, nor the right to control or direct the actions of the Trustees pertaining to the Trust Estate, or any part thereof. The Beneficiary shall be entitled solely to the benefits of this Trust, as administered by the Trustees hereunder, and at the termination of the Trust, as provided hereinafter, will the Beneficiary receive the residue of the Trust Estate.

## ARTICLE IX

### TERMINATION OF THE TRUST

This Trust shall have duration for the duration of the Beneficiary, and shall terminate:

1. When the purposes set out in Article II of this Indenture shall have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the governing body of the Beneficiary; or
2. In the manner provided by Title 60, Oklahoma Statutes cited above; provided, however, that this Trust shall not be terminated by voluntary actions if there remains outstanding indebtedness or fixed term obligations of the Trust, unless all owners of such indebtedness or obligations shall have consented in writing to such termination.

Upon the termination of this Trust, the Trustees shall proceed to wind up the affairs of this Trust, and after payment of all debts, expenses, and obligations out of the monies and properties of the Trust Estate to the extent thereof, shall distribute the residue of the money and properties of the Trust Estate to the Beneficiary hereunder. Upon final distribution, the powers, duties and authority of the Trustees hereunder shall cease.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Trustor and the Trustees have hereunto set their hands on the day and year indicated.

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustor  
Stanley D. Booker

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Sherene Williams

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Robert Weger

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Rita Love

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Bernita Taylor

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Brian Brinlee

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Mark Woommavovah

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Natalie Fitch

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Austin Rabon

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Melissa Sims

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
Alan Hampton (alternate)

\_\_\_\_\_, Trustee  
R.L. Smith (alternate)

