Resolution in Support of a Mandatory Rental Inspection Program For the City of Manhattan

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WHEREAS, The 2000 Census showed that there are 9,683 renter-occupied units in Manhattan;

WHEREAS, Kansas State University students comprise the majority of Manhattan’s residential rental property tenants;

WHEREAS, The City of Manhattan currently requires all residential rental property to comply with the International Property Maintenance Code;

WHEREAS, The City of Manhattan only inspects rental housing on a “complaint basis”;

WHEREAS, The Code Enforcement Office inspects 60-100 renter occupied units annually;

WHEREAS, The City Commission has considered revising the standing rental inspection program various times since the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, On July 22, 2008, the City Commission voted to move forward with researching, and possibly developing a rental inspection program for the city of Manhattan.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The Kansas State University Faculty Senate supports the adoption of a mandatory rental inspection program by the City of Manhattan.

Section 2. Upon passage, a copy of this resolution be sent to Kansas State University President Jon Wefald; Vice President for Student Life Pat Bosco; City Manager Ron Fehr; Mayor Mark Hatesohl; Manhattan City Commissioners Bob Strawn, Bruce Snead, James Sherow, and Tom Phillips; and the editors of the Kansas State Collegian and The Manhattan Mercury.

The vote to adopt this resolution was PASSED and APPROVED by the Faculty Senate at Kansas State University this the 14th day of April, 2009.

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Fred J. Fairchild, President