

ORDINANCE NO. 408

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF AN INSURANCE PROCEEDS FUND PURSUANT TO K.S.A. 40-3901 et seq. AND REPEALING ORDINANCE 373 OF THE CITY OF LEBOWIC, KANSAS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF LEBOWIC, KANSAS:

SECTION I. Scope and Application. The city is hereby authorized to utilize the procedures established by K.S.A. 40-3901 et seq., whereby no insurance company shall pay a claim of a named insured for loss or damage to any building or other structure located within the city, arising out of any fire, explosion, or windstorm, where the amount recoverable for the loss or damage to the building or other structure under all policies is in excess of seventy-five percent (75%) of the face value of the policy covering such building or other insured structure, unless there is compliance with the procedures set out in this ordinance.

SECTION II. Lien Created. The governing body of the city hereby creates a lien in favor of the city on the proceeds of any insurance policy based upon a covered claim payment made for damage or loss to a building or other structure located within the city, caused by or arising out of any fire, explosion, or windstorm, where the amount recoverable for all the loss or damage to the building or other structure under all policies is in excess of seventy-five percent (75%) of the face value of the policy(s) covering such building or other insured structure. The lien arises upon any unpaid tax, special ad valorem levy, or any other charge imposed upon real property by or on behalf of the city which is an encumbrance on real property, whether or not evidenced by written instrument, or such tax, levy, assessment, expense or other charge that has remained undischarged for at least one year prior to the filing of a proof of loss.

SECTION III. Same Encumbrances. Prior to final settlement on any claim covered by Section 2, the insurer or insurers shall contact the county treasurer, Coffey County, Kansas, to determine whether any such encumbrances are presently in existence. If the same are found to exist, the insurer or insurers shall execute and transmit in an amount equal to that owing under the encumbrances a draft payable to the county treasurer, Coffey County, Kansas.

SECTION IV. Same Pro Rata Basis. Such transfer of proceeds shall be on a pro rata basis by all insurance companies insuring the building or other structure.

SECTION V. Procedure. (a) When final settlement on a covered claim has been agreed to or arrived at between the named insured or insureds and the company or companies, and the final settlement exceeds seventy-five percent (75%) of the face value of the

policy covering any building or other insured structure, and when all amounts due the holder of a first real estate mortgage against the building or other structure, pursuant to the terms of the policy and endorsements thereto, shall have been paid, the insurance company or companies shall execute a draft payable to the city treasurer in an amount equal to the sum of fifteen percent (15%) of the covered claim payment unless the city clerk of the city has issued a certificate to the insurance company or companies that the insured has removed the damaged building or other structure, as well as all associated debris, or repaired, rebuilt, or otherwise made the premises safe and secure. (b) Such transfer of funds shall be on a pro rata basis by all companies insuring the building or other structure. Policy proceeds remaining after the transfer to the city shall be disbursed in accordance with the policy terms. (c) Upon the transfer of the funds as required by subsection (a) of this section, the insurance company shall provide the city with the name and address of the named insured or insureds, the total insurance coverage applicable to said building or other structure, and the amount of the final settlement agreed to or arrived at between the insurance company or companies and the insured or insureds, whereupon the city clerk shall contact the named insured or insureds by registered mail, notifying them that said insurance proceeds have been received by the city and apprise them of the procedures to be followed under this ordinance.

SECTION VI. Fund Created: Deposit of Moneys. The city treasurer is hereby authorized and shall create a fund to be known as the "Insurance Proceeds Fund." All moneys received by the city treasurer as provided for by this ordinance shall be placed in said fund and deposited in an interest-bearing account.

SECTION VII. Building Inspector: Investigation, Removal of Structure. (a) Upon receipt of moneys as provided for by this ordinance, the city treasurer shall immediately notify the city clerk of said receipt, and transmit all documentation received from the insurance company or companies to the city clerk. (b) Within 20 days of the receipt of said moneys, the city clerk shall determine, after prior investigation, whether the city shall instigate proceedings under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended. (c) Prior to the expiration of the 20 days established by subsection (b) of this section, the city clerk shall notify the city treasurer whether he or she intends to initiate proceedings under K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended. (d) If the city clerk has determined that proceedings under K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended shall be initiated, he or she will do so immediately but no later than 30 days after receipt of the moneys by the city treasurer. (e) Upon notification to the city treasurer by the city clerk that no proceedings shall be initiated under K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended, the city treasurer shall return all such moneys received, plus accrued interest, to the insured or insureds as identified in the communication from the insurance company or companies. Such return shall be accomplished within 30 days of the receipt of the moneys from the insurance company or companies.

SECTION VIII. Removal of Structure: Excess Moneys. If the city clerk has proceeded under the provisions of K.S.A. 12-1750 et seq., as amended, all moneys in excess of that

which is ultimately necessary to comply with the provisions for the removal of the building or structure, less salvage value, if any, shall be paid to the insured.

SECTION IX. Same: Disposition of Funds. If the city clerk, with regard to a building or other structure damaged by fire, explosion, or windstorm, determines that it is necessary to act under K.S.A. 12-1756, any proceeds received by the city treasurer under the authority of Section 5(a) relating to that building or other structure shall be used to reimburse the city for any expenses incurred by the city in proceeding under K.S.A. 12-1756. Upon reimbursement from the insurance proceeds, the city clerk shall immediately effect the release of the lien resulting therefrom. Should the expenses incurred by the city exceed the insurance proceeds paid over to the city treasurer under Section 5(a), the city clerk shall publish a new lien as authorized by K.S.A. 12-1756, in an amount equal to such excess expenses incurred.


SECTION X. Effect upon Insurance Policies. This ordinance shall not make the city a party to any insurance contract, nor is the insurer liable to any party for any amount in excess of the proceeds otherwise payable under its insurance policy

SECTION XI. Insurers; Liability. Insurers complying with this ordinance or attempting in good faith to comply with this ordinance shall be immune from civil and criminal liability and such action shall not be deemed in violation of K.S.A. 40-2404 and any amendments thereto, including withholding payment of any insurance proceeds pursuant to this ordinance, or releasing or disclosing any information pursuant to this ordinance.


SECTION XII. Ordinance 373 is hereby repealed.

SECTION XIII. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and publication once in the official city newspaper.

Passed by the Governing Body of the City of Lebo, Kansas, this second day of February, 1998.

  
Carol Linden, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Carrie J. Sloan, City Clerk

