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City of Raymore, Missouri  
Community for All Ages  
Assessment Checklist  
Final Report

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# Become a Community for All Ages

*A checklist to help you become age friendly*

**KC** Communities  
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## Workbook version

Does your city or county need tools to help it become a Community for All Ages? This checklist is designed to be used together with *Making Your Community Work for All Ages — A Toolkit for Cities* as a way to raise awareness, plan actions and assess your city for age friendliness.

*This Workbook is designed to assist committees assigned to document progress on their city's age-friendly self-assessments using the Communities for All Ages Checklist. Enter progress information, notes, statistics, to-do lists, etc., in the green text boxes corresponding to each Policy and Action Item.*

*A final version of this Workbook may be used to support your application to the KC Communities for All Ages recognition program.*

# 1

## Public outdoor spaces and buildings



*(See Making Your Community Work for All Ages — A Toolkit for Cities, Chapter 2)*

**Locate, design and construct public facilities to allow for connectivity with neighborhoods and other destinations, and enable maximum use and benefit by residents, visitors and employees of all ages.**

Cities are responsible for the location, design and construction of parks, trails, community centers, city halls and other public facilities and spaces. Most communities have assessed these facilities to ensure compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and some have taken steps to make improvements beyond the minimums established by ADA.

Physical limitations and mobility needs must be considered when designing and creating both outdoor spaces and buildings. Residents with physical limitations are more comfortable, safe and active when communities consider and address their needs in the design of public buildings and spaces. The following policies and actions provide guidance on maximizing physical accessibility to public spaces for all levels of ability and age.

## Policy

**1-A** The city develops and implements age-friendly policies that consider the needs of persons of all ages in the siting, design and development of public spaces. Examples include: parks and other outdoor spaces, walkways, outdoor seating, streetscapes and buildings.

*No written policy exists.*

*The following City plans: Community-Wide Trails Plan; Hawk Ridge Park Master Plan; Pedestrian Master Plan; Growth Management Plan, all took into consideration the needs of persons of all ages in the planning for public spaces<sup>1</sup>.*

*As part of a proposed Communities for All Ages Master Plan the City will be considering the implementation of policies that consider the needs of persons of all ages regarding public buildings, public spaces, and all City activities.*

**1-B** The city plans and constructs bike and pedestrian facilities to maximize use and safety for all users. Examples include: width, surface material and expected use. The city may use the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Highway Safety Manual standards or other recognized standards for bicycle and pedestrian facility design.

*The City follows, but has not formally adopted, the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' (AASHTO) Highway Safety Manual.*

*The City utilizes the following standards and documents for bicycle and pedestrian facility design:*

- *2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design*
- *UDC 445.040C establishes standards for trail design<sup>2</sup>*
- *UDC 445.0030K establishes standards for sidewalk design<sup>3</sup>*
- *Raymore adopted a Pedestrian Master Plan on 12/1/15<sup>4</sup>*
- *Raymore adopted a Trails Master Plan in 2014<sup>5</sup>*

*Raymore implemented a sidewalk gap program in 2007 and commenced a multi-year sidewalk installation program in 2009 with the goal of providing 5.4 miles of new sidewalk over a 5-year period. The sidewalk installation program will continue through 2018 and will have ensured sidewalk exists on one side of the street in every residential neighborhood. To date over 2.2 million dollars has been spent on the sidewalk program.*

*Since the adoption of the initial Parks and Recreation Master Plan in 2002 over 1.7 million dollars has been spent on trail installation. Trail reconstruction and improvements are scheduled in 2016.*

**1-C** The city designs and builds its public buildings to meet the needs of residents of all ages. Examples include: easy-to-read signage and accessible elevators, ramps, railings and stairs, and non-slip floors.

*Current City facilities, including City Hall and the Public Works Facility, have been constructed and modified to meet the needs of residents of all ages. The City complies with all requirements of the 2010 ADA Standards for Accessible Design. City Hall has incorporated easy-to-read signage, including the use of braille letters on signs. City Hall has an accessible elevator, ramps, railings and stairs. Recently the City replaced floor tiles in the lobby with a non-slip surface.*

*The City is under design for a new recreation activity center and Municipal Center meeting room facility. Both public buildings are being designed to meet the needs of residents of all ages.*

**1-D** The city prioritizes safety in parks and neighborhoods. Examples include: providing good street lighting, trimmed trees and bushes and other appropriate safety measures.

*Quality Neighborhood Goal #4 in City Comprehensive Plan <sup>6</sup> is to support programs that create a strong police presence in neighborhoods, such as bicycle patrol units. The Police Department has a bicycle patrol unit that patrols parks, trails and neighborhoods. The Police Department also utilizes an off-road all-terrain vehicle to help patrol and respond to emergencies in parks and on trails.*

*City Code Chapter 260: Tree Maintenance and Care <sup>7</sup>, provides requirements on planting and maintenance of public and private trees. The City Code Enforcement Officer is responsible to ensure trees over sidewalks and streets are properly trimmed and maintained.*

*All new developments must provide street lighting in compliance with Section 445.030J the Unified Development Code <sup>8</sup>.*

*As part of the FY17 City Budget City Council is considering funding a pilot project for installation of lighting on City trails.*

**1-E** The city involves residents of varying ages and abilities in planning for the siting and design of public outdoor spaces and buildings.

*A conditional use permit is required for all new public buildings and public outdoor spaces. The permit approval requirement involves notification to property owners near the public facility, two public hearings, recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission, and approval from City Council before site can be used for public building or gathering spaces.*

*Public charrettes have been utilized early in the design process for several public park improvements. This process has allowed residents of all ages to participate in the planning process.*

*The proposed Communities for All Ages Master Plan will need to identify opportunities for the City to better involve residents of all ages and abilities to participate in the planning for new outdoor spaces and buildings. With several capital improvement projects being planned over the next several years there are many opportunities for involvement.*

## Action

**1-F** The city provides seating areas in public outdoor spaces and outside public buildings in recognition that residents have different levels of mobility and stamina.

*The Parks and Recreation Department offers the Memorial Bench program<sup>9</sup> that allows residents to donate funds for bench installation to occur on trails and in public spaces. This program has led to the installation of park benches along trails and in public spaces.*

*The Proposed Municipal Center meeting room facility will include outdoor seating areas for gathering and resting places for the public open space near the facility.*

*Several eagle scout projects in the City have involved the installation of seating areas in outdoor spaces.*

**1-G** Stairways on public property, including within park facilities, are designed and constructed to maximize safety. Examples include: railings and painted or taped stair tips to distinguish each step.

*Stairways constructed on City property have been required to meet the ADA Standards for Accessible Design. New public facilities are incorporating zero entry designed buildings to reduce or eliminate the number of steps patrons must navigate.*

*Opportunities exist for the City to provide additional safety measures, such as painted or taped stairs to distinguish each step. The proposed Communities for All Ages Master Plan should consider a policy to expand what the City does to ensure maximum safety on stairways on public property.*

**1-H** The city provides ample parking and drop-off areas near the entrances to public facilities that meets mobility and accessibility needs of all citizens. (ADA requirements are an expected minimum, the composition of the community and the expected use of a facility may dictate additional spaces to improve resident experience at public facilities.)

*City Hall, the proposed Municipal Center meeting room facility, and the proposed Recreation Activity Center all exceed the minimum ADA requirements for accessible parking spaces. All three facilities have drop-off areas near the front door and the parking spaces are all ADA accessible with marked routes to the front door.*

**1-I** The city considers the mobility needs and stamina of all citizens in accessing city services and provides flexible customer arrangements. Examples include: separate waiting lines and seating if the wait is long, special queues and service counters and online and mail-in access.

*Raymore has provided an ADA accessible customer service counter area in the lobby of City Hall where residents can conduct City business. On-line access is provided to residents to obtain a building permit, pay a water bill, and sign up for recreational classes and activities. A seating area is provided in the lobby for residents to utilize.*

*Raymore will be constructing a new Municipal Center meeting room facility that will provide ADA accessible customer service counter in the lobby and will have seating areas for residents to relax and enjoy the facility. Outdoor gathering space will be provided to include seating and table areas.*

**1-J** The city encourages walkability in downtown areas.

*Raymore has encouraged walkability in its Original Town Neighborhood by installing sidewalks throughout the neighborhood and ensuring connectivity of the neighborhood with the community, including a sidewalk link to the City's Memorial Park. A new neighborhood park and pavilion that hosts the local farmer's market is at the center of the neighborhood with sidewalk connections to the park. Pedestrian scale lighting exists throughout the neighborhood.*

*Raymore is encouraging walkability in its Municipal Center Area by installing wide sidewalks with pedestrian scale lighting fixtures on Municipal Circle. Trail construction will link adjacent neighborhoods to the Municipal Center meeting room facility and the Municipal Circle area.*

# 2

## Housing and commercial development



(See *Making Your Community Work for All Ages – A Toolkit for Cities, Chapter 3*)

### Provide age-friendly housing options.

Studies document that older citizens wish to “age in place.” Buyers and renters of all ages are becoming wary of the costs of commuting long distances. Communities that provide a range of age-friendly housing options will retain their older adult residents and provide an attractive alternative for all ages looking for housing.

Cities have a role in the siting and design of housing and commercial development through their planning and regulatory processes. Through these processes, cities can impact how good development meets the needs of all populations.

### Policy

**2-A** The city conducts an audit of its development codes to ensure that a range of housing options are allowed, particularly in places connected to public transit, employment centers and community services.

*The Raymore Planning and Zoning Commission established a process in 2009 to complete an annual review of the Unified Development Code to ensure the plan remains current and relevant<sup>10</sup>. The process requires review of housing options, transportation, development activity, and general consistency with the master plans for the community. A report is prepared on the assessment with recommendations on any necessary code changes.*

*Residents have identified a need for housing options, including smaller homes for individuals wanting to downsize or starter homes. Connectivity of homes has also been identified as a priority.*

**2-B** The city has in place policies to allow for and encourage a range of housing options, including accessory and shared dwellings that meet the needs of all ages and generations.

*The City does allow accessory dwelling units within a few of its residential zoning districts<sup>11</sup>. As part of the 2016 annual review of the UDC the Planning and Zoning Commission identified a possible code amendment to allow accessory dwelling units in all residential zoning districts. The City also has created new zoning districts that allow for small lot sizes and smaller homes to provide additional housing options.*



**2-C** The city evaluates and streamlines its building code review processes to be consistent with adopted plans and policies, including those that reduce costs and provide housing in a range of cost points.

*City staff complete an annual review of the building code to ensure the codes are consistent with the adopted plans and policies of the City. Analysis is completed on fees charged to ensure fair and equitable costs are assessed.*

**2-D** The city has in place policies that encourage developers to include features in new or restored housing stock that meets the different mobility needs of as many people as possible. Cities may refer to universal design, enabling design, visitability features or other design elements.

*The City has not adopted any policies or code provisions that would encourage or require universal design features in new or restored housing stock. City Council recently discussed the topic and suggested staff contact local builders to inquire about incorporating universal design features in a home to showcase what universal design is and how it can easily be included in construction projects.*

**2-E** The city evaluates its zoning and building code review processes to ensure that the siting and design of commercial properties consider the needs of users of all ages.

*As part of the annual review of the Unified Development Code and the building codes the City does evaluate its review processes to ensure site and building design of new and remodeled commercial properties does consider the needs of users of all ages. The City has incorporated requirements for sidewalk connectivity between public sidewalks and building entrances, including pavement crossing markings and handrails where needed. The Planning Commission completes a post-construction review of new development and construction projects to determine successes and failures of the project as it relates to the goals of the City.*

## Action

**2-F** The city uses its property maintenance enforcement to support neighborhood quality and, as appropriate, assists property owners in identifying resources to maintain their homes.

*The City Code Enforcement Officer is charged with property maintenance code enforcement that is intended to ensure all residential and commercial properties are maintained to minimum standards. There is currently no inventory or identification of what resources are available to property owners in maintaining their homes. The proposed Communities for All Ages Master Plan can identify the need for resource materials that can be made available to residents in identifying resources to help maintain their home.*

**2-G** The city and its partners make information available about housing options within the city that meet different mobility and dependence levels.

*The City does not currently have information available. The Task Force identified the option of working with the Chamber of Commerce to work on compiling a directory of housing options available.*

**2-H** The city has a property tax relief program for homeowners with a fixed income who meet defined criteria (if allowed under state law).

*No program currently exists in the City. The proposed Communities for All Ages Master Plan could investigate the need to establish a program in the City.*

**2-I** The city and its partners offer residents information about assessing and protecting their property to strengthen crime prevention.

*The Police Department has an established crime watch program available for neighborhoods. Additionally, the Department offers police checks of private residences when they are away and health checks on residents as needed.*

*The Police Department also offers Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) review of proposed developments in the City in an effort to be proactive in crime prevention.*



*(See Making Your Community Work for All Ages — A Toolkit for Cities, Chapter 4)*

## Ensure that the community transportation system meets the needs of all users.

Healthy, vibrant communities provide multiple, accessible transportation options that contribute to the independence of all residents. Young adults, baby boomers and all ages increasingly seek and choose communities where they can walk, bike or access transit to get to school, work, services and entertainment.

There are many resources available to help a city meet this criterion, including guidelines and checklists provided by the National Complete Streets Coalition ([www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets](http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/complete-streets)), U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Bikeability Checklist ([www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/bikeability/](http://www.nhtsa.gov/people/injury/pedbimot/bike/bikeability/)); Bicycle Friendly America ([www.bikeleague.org/bfa](http://www.bikeleague.org/bfa)); and Walk-Friendly Communities. ([www.walkfriendly.org/](http://www.walkfriendly.org/)). These guidelines help communities ensure that the transportation system meets the needs of all users. Cities can work proactively with local transit operators to plan and implement transit services to address the needs of their residents and workforce.

## Policy

**3-A** The city addresses multiple transportation modes in its comprehensive plan.

*The City Comprehensive Plan (Growth Management Plan) and its Transportation Master Plan supports multiple transportation modes, including vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian modes. A specific goal in the comprehensive plan is to provide connections to existing transportation systems in the Kansas City metropolitan area.*

**3-B** The city has adopted a Complete Streets resolution or comparable policy and is taking steps to implement the policy.

*The City of Raymore adopted a Livable Streets policy and resolution in 2015 and is taking steps through its 2017 Capital Improvement Program to implement the policy<sup>12</sup>. Incorporating multiple modes of transportation into its street construction projects is a priority in the City.*

**3-C** The city — with or without a transit partner — works to ensure public transportation stops and stations have infrastructure that meets the needs of all ages and abilities. Examples include: shelter with lighting, benches and curb cuts.

*Raymore does not currently have any public transportation stops or stations within the city limits.*

**3-D** The city and its partners review and consider adoption of older driver and pedestrian safety provisions in the region's long-range safety plan. The city may use *Toward Zero Deaths 2013–2017*, or other recognized standards as guidance.

*No formal policies or plans have been adopted.*

*The Police Department does offer a Driver Safety seminar that is available to persons of all ages. The program has been presented to residents living in local senior independent living facilities.*

## Action

**3-E** The city works with partners, including transportation providers, to develop and implement strategies to support independence of non-drivers and those with additional needs for assistance in using transportation options.

*The City partners with OATS transportation for scheduled appointment pick-up of residents unable to drive. Local transportation providers like Apple and Crabtree Bus companies are being approached to learn if partnerships can be formed to increase transportation options.*

**3-F** The city and its partners provide resource information on where residents can find transportation options.

*The City provides resource information to residents on transportation options available. Links are provided on the website to transportation providers. The Task Force identified the need to use multiple methods of distributing information, such as newspapers, flyers, new resident packets, and handouts at City offices.*

**3-G** The city constructs pedestrian facilities to allow for safe travel to transit stops and stations from neighborhoods and other locations.

*The City completes an annual sidewalk construction program to ensure sidewalk exists on at least one side of every street to provide connectivity throughout the community. Although there are no transit stops in the City, there is sidewalk connectivity to all our commercial areas, City parks, and City facilities.*

**3-H** The city and its partners provide resource information for determining older driver competency and the supports available for transitioning from driver to passenger.

*The Police Department does offer a Driver Safety seminar that is available to persons of all ages. This seminar provides information regarding the transition of older drivers to passenger.*

*Funding was included in the FY16 City Budget to create a driver training program. Work continues on establishing this program.*

**3-I** The city has considered application for or has achieved the Walk-Friendly Community designation from the Pedestrian Bicycle Information Center. ([www.walkfriendly.org](http://www.walkfriendly.org))

*The City applied to achieve the Walk-Friendly Community designation in 2015. Although designation was not achieved, valuable feedback was provided to the community to allow for a re-submittal of the application. The City is working towards applying in 2017.*

**3-J** The city has considered application for or has achieved the Bicycle Friendly Community designation from the League of American Bicyclists. ([www.bikeleague.org/bfa](http://www.bikeleague.org/bfa))

*The City has not considered application for the Bicycle Friendly Community designation. Much work on bicycle paths, lanes and policies is necessary in the City prior to consideration of submitting an application. As work progresses on creating livable streets and creating bicycle lanes and paths, the City may consider applying.*

# 4 Social inclusion, communication and participation



(See *Making Your Community Work for All Ages – A Toolkit for Cities, Chapters 2 and 5*)

## Include all residents in developing community activities and adapt communication strategies for multiple audiences.

By leveraging the knowledge, skills and abilities of all residents and including them in decision-making, communities create a competitive advantage for themselves. Cities will benefit when residents of all ages are an integral part of a community and the cities are knowledgeable about their diverse needs.

Meaningful participation in affordable community activities helps residents to develop relationships, maintain good health and have a sense of belonging. Cities obtain input from all residents to develop community activities that will engage residents and meet their needs.

### Policy

**4-A** The city and its partners understand the demographic makeup of residents, engages with the community and then designs programming, including recreational opportunities, that respects the needs and interests of diverse populations.

*The City strives to offer programming and recreational opportunities for the needs and interests of a diverse population. The Parks and Recreation Department offers programs for toddlers, children, teenagers, adults and senior citizens<sup>13</sup>. The Arts Commission offers art classes and similar programs and opportunities for people of all ages to engage in the arts<sup>14</sup>. Transportation to programs remains an impediment for many Raymore residents.*

**4-B** The city has a comprehensive communication plan with marketing and outreach strategies and tools that include diverse public imagery, depicting all ages, cultures and abilities.

*Raymore recently hired a Communications Manager who is responsible for all communication, marketing and outreach strategies for the City. Work on preparing a comprehensive communication plan is underway. The intent of the plan is to establish a communication strategy that reaches out to residents of all ages, cultures and abilities. The communications plan will ensure that a variety of methods of communication are utilized to reach all residents of the community.*

**4-C** The city communications plan requires that information about accessibility of facilities and transportation options is included when publishing information about city activities and events.

*The communications plan for Raymore will include an action step to provide information about accessibility of facilities throughout the community. The City of Raymore is committed to ensuring all public buildings and recreation facilities are accessible to people of all ages and abilities. The City will also ensure that information relative to transportation options for residents is included in the communications plan.*

## Action

**4-D** The city communication plan includes strategies to work with partners to inform people at risk of social isolation about community activities and events.

*The communications plan will need to include strategies and action steps to find ways to inform people at risk of social isolation about community activities and events. Several methods are currently utilized, such as distribution of the quarterly Raymore Review magazine; email blasts; social media; broadcasting of community meetings; mailings; community conversations; and use of roadside signs. The Task Force identified the need to work with volunteers and churches to offer program opportunities. Providing information about available programs and transportation options to the programs was identified as a need. The Task Force also identified a need to have someone (volunteer or City staff person) to be able to reach out to inform and involve people at risk.*

**4-E** The city partners with community organizations to develop and implement opportunities for utilizing and showcasing the skills and contributions of all ages, cultures and abilities.

*The City partners with organizations like the Raymore Festival in the Park Committee, Historical Society and the Arts Commission, as well as its own Parks and Recreation Department, to provide opportunities for residents to showcase their skills and contributions. Art is showcased in the City Council Chambers monthly. Vendors are encouraged at the Festival in the Park and Farmer's Market to showcase their skills and wares. The proposed amphitheater will provide another venue for residents to showcase their skills and talents. Artists are solicited for City art displays and projects.*

# 5

## Civic participation and employment



*(See Making Your Community Work for All Ages – A Toolkit for Cities, Chapter 5)*

Provide opportunities for residents to be involved and keep all residents informed of city affairs and of employment and volunteer opportunities and other ways to be engaged.

With increased levels of involvement in community affairs and civic life, citizens are well positioned to build connections and support communities for all ages.

Cities will benefit from welcoming residents to be employed or become involved in city affairs. Input and participation from residents of all ages will strengthen the city's programs and services.

### Policy

**5-A** The city has a policy in place to encourage civic participation by all age groups in the community.

*The City does not have an adopted policy. The City encourages civic participation through several outreach programs, such as resident surveys; community conversation meetings; use of social media to connect with residents; and good neighbor meetings on community development projects<sup>15</sup>. Multiple community events held throughout the year allow residents to actively participate with others to build a strong community.*

### Action

**5-B** The city maintains and promotes a list of volunteer and employment opportunities within city government and offers an easy means to apply, including drop in, mail, on line and telephone.

*The Parks and Recreation Department keeps a list of volunteers that can be called upon to aid on community events.*

*Residents can submit a one-page application to volunteer for one of the many City boards and commissions<sup>16</sup>. The application can be completed on-line, can be mailed, or simply dropped off at City Hall. The City Clerk maintains a volunteer list that is provided to the Mayor and City Council members whenever there is a vacancy on a Board or Commission.*



*The City also allows individuals to apply for employment on-line, through the mail, or in person. Available employment opportunities are listed on the City website<sup>17</sup>.*

**5-C** The city provides flexible options for volunteers of all ages and abilities, including training, recognition and guidance.

*The City provides training, guidance and recognition for volunteers of its Board and Commissions. Newly appointed volunteers are provided initial training and orientation and are included on annual training opportunities. Guidance, through continuing education and opportunities to participate in seminars and training sessions, are afforded to all volunteers. Accommodations are made to ensure residents of all abilities can volunteer and participate.*

**5-D** The city encourages stakeholders, community organizations and nonprofits serving its community to work with volunteers of all ages, cultures and abilities, using best practices and guidelines for volunteer engagement and management promoted by organizations such as the Shepherd Center's Coming of Age, the United Way of Greater Kansas City, United Way of Wyandotte County and Nonprofit Connect.

*The City has a volunteer match program to link skill sets and abilities of volunteers with various community organizations. City Council has discussed establishing a youth service program as part of its FY17 budget to involve youths in community programs.*

**5-E** The city and its partners encourage local businesses to adopt flexible employment practices to meet the needs of citizens of all ages.

*The City has not made an attempt at working with employers in the community to adopt flexible employment practices to meet the needs of citizens of all ages.*

**5-F** The city and its partners develop an outreach plan to ensure residents of all ages are included in community and civic conversations.

*In the Community Conversations that were recently held in the Raymore community a detailed outreach plan was implemented to ensure residents of all ages were included in the discussions. 215 individuals participated in the conversations, with a diversity of ages of participants. Efforts are continuing to keep the participants involved in programs and activities that evolve from the conversations. The Task Force suggested working closer with the Civic Class instructors at the high school to get more high school aged residents involved in community conversations.*

**5-G** The city ensures that meeting locations are accessible to all residents and meet the communication needs and challenges of diverse populations.

*All meeting locations are fully accessible to all residents. Audio devices are available for the hearing impaired for all meetings and events held in the Council Chambers. All City facilities have ADA parking, ramps and signage available to assist residents. The City Hall lobby has an ADA accessible customer service counter area available for residents to meet with any City employee. The new Municipal Center meeting room facility will be completely accessible.*

# 6

## Community and health services



(See *Making Your Community Work for All Ages – A Toolkit for Cities*, Chapter 6)

### Offer a range of community and health services that address the needs of all ages.

Many residents desire easy access to a range of health and social services. Communities that address the community and health services needs of residents can generate value from both a real estate and a community health perspective.

Local governments may offer a range of direct services at their public facilities or work with private for-profit or nonprofit providers to deliver services using city facilities. In some cases, communities identify health needs and encourage private providers to locate programs and services in the city.

### Policy

**6-A** Applicable city plans recognize the need for health care services that are accessible to all residents and served by transportation options.

*Provisions for accessible health care services are not currently included in city plans. The current Transportation Plan focuses on movement of vehicles through the City. The City Comprehensive Plan does not address health care services. The Task Force identified the need for medical offices to be in the City to serve the residents. Availability of health care professionals daily to serve City residents is limited. The Task Force also identified the need to provide transportation services to medical facilities.*

### Action

**6-B** The city, in partnership with area health care organizations, makes arrangements to offer health services at community facilities. Examples include: hearing tests, hearing aid cleaning, flu shots, blood pressure checks, etc.

*With the pending addition of two public buildings, space will soon be made available to host health fairs and other public events. The City currently helps to promote health fairs and other health events that are held by health care organizations in the area. Information on events are shared with City residents. The Task Force identified a need to provide educational classes for new parents.*

**6-C** The city, in partnership with the local public health department, publicizes plans and services to improve the rate of immunizations among city residents.

*The City has not taken any action to form a partnership with the local health department to publicize plans and services to improve the rate of immunizations among city residents. The Task Force identified the need to establish communication with the County Health Department to work towards a partnership.*

**6-D** The city has educated personnel to ensure those who work with the public are knowledgeable about specialized needs for citizens of different ages and abilities. Personnel are also trained in applicable reporting requirements of abuse or neglect, regardless of age.

*City Police Department personnel have been trained on reporting requirements of abuse or neglect. Basic information has been shared by the City Human Resources Department about the specialized needs for citizens of different ages and abilities.*

**6-E** The city promotes and enables the location of full-service grocery stores and retail establishments to expand the availability of healthy food options.

*The City aggressively pursued and succeeded in the location of a full-service grocery store near City Hall. The City Economic Development Director promotes, and City Code enables, the location of full-service grocery stores and other retail establishments to expand the availability of healthy food options. The City supports the weekly farmer's market that helps to provide fresh produce to residents as well<sup>18</sup>.*

**6-F** The city works with local ambulance providers to ensure city demographic information is incorporated into planning for services.

*The City routinely shares demographic information with the South Metropolitan Fire Protection District which provides local ambulance service within the City.*

**6-G** The city, in partnership with area health care organizations, has developed and implemented education programs about healthy choices and preventive services, including the benefit of smoking cessation.

*The City has not initiated a partnership with local health care organizations to develop or implement any education program about healthy choices or preventive services. When the Municipal Center meeting room facility is completed the City could partner with Pathways to host educational programs about healthy choices.*

**6-H** The city encourages healthy eating by providing information to residents about programs such as home-delivered meals, food banks or other resources.

*The City has not been actively involved in providing information about programs that provide services to residents, such as home-delivered meals or food banks.*

*The Parks and Recreation Department does offer healthy food choices at concession stands at local parks.*

*Local food banks are available for residents in need of food and other resources.*

**6-I** The city encourages healthy eating and community participation by supporting community gardens and other initiatives that promote healthy eating.

*The City has had conversations about creating a community garden area. There are private community gardens available in the Foxwood Springs senior living community. The City does support the farmer's market and initiatives that promote healthy eating.*

**6-J** The city and its partners provide referrals to those residents identified as needing more intensive services.

*When contacted, the City will provide referrals to residents of local services that are available.*

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<sup>1</sup> Master plan documents can be viewed on [City website](#)

<sup>2</sup> UDC 445.040C:

**Community Open Space Network/Trails System**

1. Developments planned for land on which a trail segment is identified on the Growth Management Plan Update Open Space Corridor Plan must provide such trail segment. Trail segments with a minimum width of 10 feet shall be constructed at the time of infrastructure improvement and must be constructed to meet or exceed the standards set forth by the MetroGreen Plan adopted by the Mid-America Regional Council. A public access easement 15 feet in width is required over the entire length of the trail segment. The property owners' association established for the development must maintain the trails along with all other common areas in their development.
2. The trail system is considered integral to the parks and recreation system and all developers required to construct a segment of a required trail will be awarded credit against the land dedication requirement. The developer will be awarded credit both for the property acreage within the public access easement and for the cost of the trail improvement. Trail construction cost credits will be determined by the Director of Public Works using AASHTO standard costs for asphalt installation for the year in which the construction takes place.

<sup>3</sup> UDC 445.030K

**Sidewalks** (*Amendment 17 – Ordinance 2014-005 2.10.14*)

1. **Requirement**
  - a. **Residential developments**
    - (1) Sidewalks shall be installed on both sides of all public streets except upon lots greater than 3 acres in size, or in the case of a residential subdivision, when the average lot size is greater than 3 acres.
    - (2) Sidewalks shall be installed in the right-of-way, 1 foot from the property line adjacent to the street, along the street frontage of all lots.
    - (3) Sidewalks along private streets shall be determined as part of preliminary plat review.
  - b. **Commercial, Industrial and all other developments**
    - (1) Sidewalks shall be installed on both sides of all public streets.
    - (2) Sidewalks shall be installed in the right-of-way, 1 foot from the property line adjacent to the street, along the street frontage of all lots.

- (3) Sidewalks shall be provided along one side of access drives and shall connect to sidewalks along all public streets adjacent to the development.
- 2. Installation of Sidewalks**
- a. Residential developments** (*Amendment 8 – Ordinance 2011-9 2.28.11*) (*Amendment 12 – Ordinance 2012-050 6.25.12*) (*Amendment 22 - Ordinance 2015-068 - 9.14.15*) (*Amendment 23 - Ordinance 2015-091*)
- (1) Sidewalks on an individual lot shall be installed along all public streets adjacent to the lot prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the structure on the lot.
- (2) Sidewalks in common areas that are not adjacent to any lot(s) shall be installed at the time public improvements are installed. All other sidewalk in common areas shall be installed by the owner of the common area at the time adjacent lot(s) are developed.
- (3) Sidewalks along local roads adjacent to land not included in the subdivision phase shall be installed at the time public improvements are installed.
- (4) Sidewalks along arterial or collector streets shall be installed at the time public improvements are installed.
- (5) The owner of any undeveloped lot within the subdivision or subdivision phase shall be required to construct a sidewalk on that lot when:
- (a) 66% or more of the lots on the same side of the street in the same block already have a sidewalk; and
- (b) it has been 3 years from the date the first Certificate of Occupancy was issued in the subdivision or subdivision phase that contains the undeveloped lot.
- (6) If any portion of a corner lot has frontage along a street that meets the threshold of sub-section 5 above then sidewalk is required to be installed on all street frontages of the corner lot.
- (7) Should any sidewalk not be completed within the required time period, the city may, after holding a public hearing, proceed with constructing the sidewalk and levy a special assessment against the property owner for the costs thereof.
- (8) Any final plat approved after the effective date of this Code shall include a note on the plat that includes the language stated in Section 445.030K2a5.
- (9) After holding a public hearing, the City Council shall consider the following factors in its deliberation to determine if the City is to install a sidewalk on an undeveloped lot and levy a special assessment against the property owner for the costs thereof:
- (a) Whether the sidewalk segment is necessary to create a continuous sidewalk from the subdivision to a school.
- (b) Whether the sidewalk segment is necessary to create a continuous sidewalk from the subdivision to a sidewalk or trail on an arterial street.
- (c) Whether installation of the sidewalk segment eliminates a safety concern.
- (d) The percentage of the developed lots (degree of completion) in the subdivision or subdivision phase is high enough to warrant the installation of the sidewalk segment.
- (e) The likelihood that the lot would be developed within the next year.
- (f) Whether the sidewalk segment is necessary to create a continuous sidewalk to a park or subdivision amenity such as a pool.
- (g) Whether the sidewalk segment is necessary to create a continuous sidewalk between subdivisions.
- (h) Whether the sidewalk was required under a previously adopted City Code provision.
- b. Commercial, Industrial and all other developments**
- (1) All required sidewalks shall be installed upon the lot under development prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy for any building upon the lot.
- c. Construction Standards** (*Amendment 11 – Ordinance 2011-52 8.08.11*)
- All sidewalks shall be constructed according to the Kansas City Metro Materials Board (KCMMB) 4K concrete material specification and City of Raymore Standard Specifications and Design Criteria.
- 3. Sidewalk width**
- a.** Sidewalks along any street classified in the Transportation Master Plan as a collector or arterial shall be at least 5 feet in width.
- b.** Sidewalks along any other public street shall be at least 4 feet in width.
- c.** Sidewalks along any access drive shall be at least 4 feet in width.

<sup>4</sup> [Adopted City of Raymore Pedestrian Plan](#)

<sup>5</sup> [Adopted City of Raymore Trails Master Plan](#)

<sup>6</sup> Quality Neighborhood Goal #4 of the City Comprehensive Plan

**Goal #4: Maintain a safe and secure City.**

“Safe” was overwhelmingly selected as the word residents utilized to define Quality Neighborhood. Safety of residents and of property is clearly important to Raymore residents. The City has created, and needs to continually maintain, a strong and active Police Department.

**Objective:** *To continue programs and activities that provide for safe and secure neighborhoods.*

**Action Steps:**

1. Support programs that create a strong police presence in neighborhoods, such as bicycle patrol units.
2. Support civic involvement programs such as National Night Out, Neighborhood Watch programs, and the Citizens’ Police Academy.
3. Ensure police facilities and staff levels are maintained to provide the maximum level of service to residents.

<sup>7</sup> City Code [Chapter 260: Tree Maintenance and Care](#)

<sup>8</sup> UDC 445.030J

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### **Street Lighting** (*Amendment 8 – Ordinance 2011-9 2.28.11*)

1. The subdivider shall be responsible for installation of all required street lights associated with any new subdivision at the time public improvements are installed. Street lights shall be required as follows:
  - a. On any collector or arterial street immediately adjacent to the subdivision wherein street lights are not currently installed; and
  - b. On any street within the subdivision in accordance with a street light plan designed by an engineer registered in the State of Missouri, submitted by the subdivider, and approved by the Director of Public Works.
2. Street lights required to be installed on adjacent collector or arterial streets shall be installed in accordance with a street light plan already approved by the City or a plan designed by an engineer registered in the State of Missouri, submitted by the subdivider, and approved by the Director of Public Works.
3. The subdivider shall take the necessary steps to secure placement of required street lights. Street lights shall be installed and be operational prior to acceptance of any public improvements in the subdivision.
4. The subdivider shall be responsible to pay all costs for installation and all operational costs incurred by the City for the required street lights as approved by the Governing Body and listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges maintained in the City Clerks Office.
5. The City may determine it is in the best interests of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Raymore to install street lights upon existing collector and arterial streets in advance of development of subdivisions immediately adjacent to the collector or arterial streets. The City, per Ordinance of the City Council, may pay in advance for the installation and operation of the street lights that would normally be required to be installed by the subdivider at the time of subdivision construction. If the City so acts, then at the time a new subdivision application is submitted the subdivider, as part of the development agreement for the new subdivision, shall be charged the street light fee for a five (5) year time period as approved by the Governing Body and listed in the Schedule of Fees and Charges maintained in the City Clerks Office for each street light that would have been required to be installed on the adjacent collector or arterial streets at the time the subdivision was approved. This fee would be reimbursement to the City for advanced installation of the required street lights.

<sup>9</sup> [Memorial Bench Program](#)

<sup>10</sup> [UDC Annual Review Process](#)

<sup>11</sup> [UDC Accessory Dwelling Unit requirements](#)

<sup>12</sup> [Raymore Livable Streets Policy](#)

<sup>13</sup> [Raymore Parks Department Recreation Programs](#)

<sup>14</sup> [Raymore Arts Commission art classes](#)

<sup>15</sup> [Raymore Strategic Plan Community Conversations](#)

<sup>16</sup> [Volunteer Form](#)

<sup>17</sup> [Employment Application](#) on-line

<sup>18</sup> [Link to Farmer's Market](#) information