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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT NO.)
11006, BY THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING,)
AT THE REQUEST OF THE CITY COUNCIL)
AND LANCASTER COUNTY BOARD OF)
COMMISSIONERS, TO ADD INTRODUCTORY)
LANGUAGE CLARIFYING THE PURPOSE OF)
THE 2040 LINCOLN/LANCASTER COUNTY)
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN)

RESOLUTION NO. R-12-0006

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning, at the request of the Lincoln City Council and Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, wishes to amend the 2040 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan to add introductory language to clarify the purpose of the 2040 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Department recommends approval of Comprehensive Plan Amendment No. 11006, concluding that the proposed amendment provides a helpful description of the purpose of the 2040 Lincoln/Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan and comprehensive plans in general; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2011, the Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission held a public hearing regarding said amendments; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2011, the Lincoln-Lancaster Planning Commission agreed with the alternate language proposed by Commissioner Lust and voted to recommend approval of the alternate language, as seen in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by this reference; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County conducted a public hearing, regarding said amendment; and

WHEREAS, on January 24, 2012, the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County

agreed with the Planning Commission and voted to approve the amendment, as seen in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Lancaster County, Nebraska that the 2040 Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan be amended as provided in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated by this reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other references in said plan which may be affected by the above specified amendments be, and they hereby are, amended to conform to such specific amendment.

DATED this 24th day of January, 2012, at the County-City Building, Lincoln, Nebraska.

APPROVED AS TO FORM
this ____ day of
_____, 2012.

Deputy County Attorney
for JOE KELLY
County Attorney

BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF LANCASTER
COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Heier voted nay

Hudkins woted nay

Raybould voted nay

Smoyer voted nay

Schorr voted nay

Exhibit "A"

LPlan 2040 is the latest edition of the Lincoln-Lancaster County Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is intended as a guide to local government officials, institutions, businesses, landowners, and the general public in making decisions on public and private investment for land development. The plan provides a vision, based upon demographic and economic projections and broad public input, for the pattern and character of the community as it grows. Comprehensive plans deal with the arrangement of different land uses, the standards for development, and the provision of transportation facilities, utilities, and other community facilities and services - with regard for expanding housing and employment opportunities, the community's financial limitations and economic realities, and its natural and cultural resources. State statutes require that comprehensive plans be developed by planning commissioners and adopted by cities and counties, as a basis for establishing zoning regulations and to consider before the city or county buys or sells land, constructs or improves public facilities, or takes other actions affecting public improvements.

While the Comprehensive Plan sets forth general guidelines for decision-making, failure to adhere to the plan is permissible in specific instances in which circumstances justify deviating from its terms and provisions. However, the plan is designed to provide a predictable environment for public and private investment decisions.

Lplan 2040 looks out nearly 30 years in the future because the decisions made today about land use and public facilities will affect the community for generations. However, economic, social and environmental factors change over time, as do preferences and priorities of local citizens. Therefore, the Plan is updated as needed to remain relevant over time.