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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: David Johnston, County Administrator

DATE: February 19th, 2026

SUBJECT: Major Event Period for Residential Rentals

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With the 2026 World Cup coming to Kansas City summer, Wyandotte County will soon see an influx of visitors that is likely to overwhelm existing lodging capacity in the county and the greater Kansas City metropolitan area. As such, I hereby declare a major event period from May 4th, 2026 through July 31st, 2026, during which the registration, licensure, and operation of residential rental properties will proceed according to the procedures located at U.G. Code of Ordinances Section 19-250.

The World Cup is expected to bring over 650,000 visitors to the metro area, while at the same time there are only 55,000 hotel rooms within a two-hour drive of the event, an insufficient number to serve the anticipated surge in demand for lodging. Allowing Wyandotte County residents to more easily rent their properties to visitors will allow our community to take part in the economic benefits that hosting this international event promises to bring to the region.

With Kansas City hosting World Cup matches from June 16th through July 11, a major event period spanning the months of May, June, and July will allow residents to rent to longer-term sports tourists seeking to stay for the entirety of the season as well as shorter-term visitors coming to the area for one or two games.

The Unified Government is excited to welcome visitors from across the country and all over the world this summer, and this major event period for residential rentals will allow them to enjoy all that our city and county have to offer while providing a tangible economic benefit for our residents. Anyone interested in renting their property during this period should visit <https://www.wycokck.org/Departments/Neighborhood-Resource-Center/Rental-Licensing/Temporary-Short-Term-Rental-License-World-Cup-Special-Event> for licensing procedures and more information. The registration portal to apply for a major event residential rental license opens on February 18, 2026.