

For The Record

Sumner County Sheriff’s Report

NAME	Age	HOMETOWN	LOCATION OF ARREST	AGENCY	CHARGES	COURT	DATE OF ARREST
Corter, Jeremy Wayne-Edward	38	Wellington, Kansas	2022 E. 16th St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Criminal Trespass; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	WPD	8/19/2025
Happy, Seth Allen	24	Belle Plaine, Kansas	1378 E. 90th Ave., Belle Plaine, KS	SUSO	Failure to Appear	SUCO	8/19/2025
Noyes, Shannon Renee	27	Wellington, Kansas	123 W. 9th St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Battery on LEO; Disorderly Conduct	WPD	8/19/2025
Waldorf-Schmitt, Lareina Lynn	58	Wellington, Kansas	2022 E. 16th St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Criminal Trespass	WPD	8/19/2025
Damron, Hunter Jack	25	Wichita, Kansas	NB I-35 MP 0, South Haven, KS	KHP	Operate Vehicle without Registration or with Expired Tag	SUCO	8/20/2025
Bohannon, Ryan Fesler	45	South Haven, Kansas	South I-35 MP 9, South Haven, KS	KHP	Vehicle Liability Insurance Required; Transporting Open Container; D.U.I.	SUCO	8/22/2025
Corter, Jeremy Wayne-Edward	38	Wellington, Kansas	801 E. 16th St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Theft	WPD	8/22/2025
Lambert, Tonya Marie	48	Wellington, Kansas	501 N. Washington, Wellington, KS	SUSO	Probation Violation (Arrest & Detain)	CLCO	8/22/2025
Leverenz, Daryl Dean	35	Wellington, Kansas	1102 E. 7th St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Failure to Appear // Failure to Appear // Probation Violation // Interference with LEO	Clearwater Municipal // SUCO // CLCO // WPD	8/23/2025
Stoddard, Jason Moran	45	Wellington, Kansas	609 N. F St., Wellington, KS	WPD	Probation Violation; Possession of Marijuana; Possession of Opiate; Distribute Opiate; Possession of Drug Paraphernalia x2; Criminal Threat	SUCO	8/23/2025
Cash, Holly Renee	51	Wellington, Kansas	1015 W. 16th, Wellington, KS	WPD	Duty of Driver to Report Upon Damaging Unattended Vehicle or Property	WPD	8/24/2025
Merritt, Julie Ann	54	Johnston, Iowa	NB I-35 MP 32, Mulvane, KS	KHP	D.U.I.; Transporting Open Container	SUCo	8/24/2025
York, Vance Eugene	21	Caldwell, Kansas	NB I-35 MP 25, Belle Plaine, KS	KHP	D.U.I.; Endangering a Child; No DL; Expired Tag; No Insurance	SUCO	8/24/2025

Belle Plaine Police Department Report

Call Date/Time:08/17/2025 03:53:15 PM
Occurrence #:25-475
Officer: Bill Berry - 060
Incident Type:Found/Recovered Property
Officer received found property at the pool park that was turned in by a juvenile.
Location:100 Blk E 3rd Ave,

Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/17/2025 05:02:49 PM
Occurrence #:25-476
Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
Incident Type:Domestic Viol/Non Physical
Grand-mother called 911 for mother and son yelling at each other.

Investigated and case manger for child was notified.
Location:900 Blk N Friend St, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/17/2025 06:10:37 PM
Occurrence #:25-477
Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
Incident Type:Civil Matter
RP reported that landlord was changing locks on her house. Landlord had not changed locks and RP never showed up.
Location:200 Blk W 8th Ave, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/18/2025 06:52:51 PM
Occurrence #:25-478
Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
Incident Type:Assist Other Agency
Officer assisted a Sheriff's Deputy when a citizen came in with concernsof getting their dog back. The incident, which occurred outside the city was transferred to the Sheriff's Office.
Location:400 Blk N Logan St, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/19/2025 02:48:10 AM

Occurrence #:25-479
Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
Incident Type:Open Door
While performing nightly checks, Officer discovered an open door:building was cleared and secured.
Location:600 Blk N Logan St, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/19/2025 12:15:08 PM
Occurrence #:25-480
Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
Incident Type:911 Open Line
Officer investigated a 911 open line which originated at the new water tower. Owner of the phone was trying to get his phone to turn on, inadvertently calling 911.
Location:1200 Blk E 90th Ave N, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/19/2025 04:01:00 PM
Occurrence #:25-481
Officer: Craig Divoll - 061
Incident Type:Theft / Felony
Officer took a report of a stolen vehicle.Victim reported his adult daughter stole his van which he had allowed her to drive until she quit making payments.Vehicle was returned after Officer contacted

the suspect.
Location:800 Blk N Linden St, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/21/2025 03:38:10 PM
Occurrence #:25-482
Officer: Bill Berry - 060
Incident Type:Civil Dispute
Officer took a report of the father of a child not releasing the child to the mother for her court ordered visitation.
Location: 700 Blk N Lincoln St, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/21/2025 04:55:16 PM
Occurrence #:25-483
Officer: Bill Berry - 060
Incident Type:Animal Impound
Officer was notified of a dog at large and after not being able to contact the owner, it was impounded until the owner could be found.
Location:600 Blk N Lincoln St, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/23/2025 10:31:59 AM
Occurrence #:25-484
Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
Incident Type:Theft / Misdemeanor

Store clerk reported person who took a tube of make up without paying for it. Took report and created case. Suspect apprehended with merchandise.
Location:300 Blk E 11th Ave, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/23/2025 11:38:32 AM
Occurrence #:25-485
Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
Incident Type:Suicide Threat
Friend called 911 to report that a school mate was talking about suicide. Investigated and talked with young man about reaching out if needing help or someone to talk to.
Location:0 Blk, Belle Plaine
Call Date/Time:08/23/2025 01:04:06 PM
Occurrence #:25-486
Officer: Fred Simpson - 066
Incident Type:Assist EMS
Elderly man not feeling well and needed to go to the hospital. EMS transported patient.
Location:300 Blk S Lincoln St, Belle Plaine

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CITY OF OXFORD, KANSAS

ORDINANCE NO. 355
AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REGISTRATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES AND PROVIDING PROCEDURES RELATED TO INCENTIVES, MAINTENANCE, MARKETING AND ANNUAL INSPECTIONS.

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that vacant residential, commercial and industrial real estate adversely affects quality of life, creates blight, and impacts local property values; and

WHEREAS, vacant buildings are known to attract vandalism, become havens for drug use and other crime, and require expenditure of public funds for police protection, fire protection and housing inspection; and

WHEREAS, the Governing Body finds that public health, safety and welfare are adversely affected by prolonged vacancies in residential and commercial real estate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF OXFORD, KANSAS:

SECTION 1. The Governing Body of Oxford, Kansas hereby adopts a vacant building ordinance to be included in Chapter 4, Buildings and Construction, of the City Code as follows:

ARTICLE 10. VACANT BUILDINGS

4-1001 Purpose and Definitions.
(a) Purpose
Recognizing that vacant buildings and properties contribute to blight in both residential and non-residential areas, discourage economic development and hinders appreciation of property values, endanger public health and safety, attract criminal activity, and create fire hazards, it is the responsibility of property owners to prevent buildings from becoming a burden to the neighborhood and community and a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare. Maintenance of the public health, safety, and welfare thus requires the City to maintain an accurate registration of all vacant buildings and properties.
(b) Definitions
(1) **Building** means a building,

accessory structure, mobile or modular structure, or other structure adapted to permanent occupancy for residential, commercial or industrial purposes.
(2) **City** means the City of Oxford, Kansas.
(3) **Chronic Vacancy** means any building or property vacant 1 year after initial registration.
(4) **Commercial** means any non-residential structure or property in an area that is zoned commercial.
(5) **Industrial** means any non-residential structure or property in an area that is zoned industrial.
(6) **Owner** means the person, persons or entity identified as the owner of the parcel with the Sumner County Appraiser's Office, and any agent identified by a nonresident owner.
(7) **Residential** means any residential structure or property in an area that is zoned residential.
(8) **Unsecured** means that access to the building may be obtained through open, unlocked, broken or missing doors or windows of such building.
(9) **Vacant Building** means a building or property that is unattended or unoccupied and is not actively used as a place of residence or business, or the building is frequently open or unsecured so that unauthorized admittance may be gained without damaging any portion of the property. A residential, commercial or industrial building or property will be considered vacant when found to be in the above condition for more than twelve (12) months and subject to the registration requirements found in Section 4- 1002.

4-1002 Registration and Maintenance Requirements; Fees
(a) The owner of a vacant building or property must register the building with the City designated officer within twenty (20) days of written notice provided to the owner or the owner's resident agent of the existence of the vacant building. Such notice shall be served on the owner or resident agent by personal service or by return receipt requested, which may be affected by certified mail, priority mail, commercial courier service, overnight delivery service, or other reliable personal delivery service. If the owner is a non-resident of the City, such notice shall be sent by return receipt delivery, to the last known address of the owner.
(b) The City shall also accept notifications by mail or electronic transmissions of a building or property that meets the

definition of a vacant building or property as defined in Section 4-1001(b)(9) and shall pursue registration of said building or property in accordance with the provisions of this Article.
(c) The required registration shall be submitted on the form provided by the City or available on the City's website, which form shall include the name, current mailing address, phone number, email address and any other contact information of the owner; the names and addresses of all known lien holders and all other parties with a legal or equitable interest in the building; the common address of the building, as well as the tax map, map block, parcel tax identification and sale or rental price. The form shall also include the period of time the vacant building is expected to remain vacant, and a detailed plan and timetable for either:
(i) Returning the vacant building or property to appropriate occupancy or use; or
(ii) Marketing the property pursuant to the requirements of subsection (d) of this Section.
(d) Pursuant to the registration requirements of this subsection, for every subsequent year a building remains vacant beyond the initial registration, the owner of the vacant building must:
(i) Re-register the building or property, including appropriate fees, and
(ii) Submit an updated plan for either returning the vacant building or property to appropriate occupancy or use, or marketing thereof.
(e) If the owner of the vacant building does not reside in Sumner County for at least six (6) months a year, then they must provide the information for a resident agent with authority to act with respect to the property, including name, current mailing address, phone number, email address and any other contact information of the owner's agent.
(f) Any subsequent owner of a vacant building or property must register or re-register the building with the City designated officer within thirty (30) days of any transfer of any ownership interest in the vacant building.
(g) The owner of a vacant building or property must keep the building and any adjoining property secure, safe and maintained in compliance with all federal, state and local laws.
(h) A registration fee in accordance with the City's master fee

schedule shall be collected by the City designated officer at the time of registration or re-registration. At the time of adoption of this ordinance the fee shall start at \$20.

4-1003 Marketing Requirements; Exemption
The following vacant buildings or properties shall be exempt from the registration fees required by Section 4-1002(i), but must still comply with all other registration requirements under Section 4-1002:
(a) All buildings and properties which are actively marketed as "for rent" in a newspaper or in a recognized online website listing at a fair market value rental rate based upon market rental rates for comparable properties. It is the obligation of the vacant building owner to produce evidence of active marketing to claim this exemption. In the event that active rental marketing ceases, the vacant building in question shall be subject to the registration fees provided for in Section 4-1002(i), which shall immediately become due and owing to the City.
(b) All buildings or properties which are being actively marketed as "for sale" by a licensed real estate broker or by the owner and advertised as such in a newspaper or listed on a recognized online website. The vacant building owner has the obligation to produce evidence of active marketing in order to obtain this exemption. In the event that the active "for sale" marketing ceases, the vacant building in question shall be subject to the registration fees provided for above and shall immediately become due and owing to the City.
(c) Any vacant residential building for which the owner executes a valid affidavit on a form provided by the City attesting that the owner intends to resume occupancy of the vacant building as a dwelling within 180 days. Failure to actually resume use of the vacant building as a dwelling within 180 days will result in the imposition of the registration fee that was exempted under this section.
(d) An owner who acquires a vacant building or property for which the registration fee has already been paid for the calendar year period shall register the change of ownership with the City but is not liable for an additional registration fee for that calendar year.

4-1004 Penalties; Procedures
(a) Any owner who fails to register a vacant building under this ordinance, as required by Section 4-1002, may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00).
(b) If the building continues to meet the definition of a vacant building for a period of ninety (90) calendar days beyond the required registration or re-registration date, and the owner fails to register or re-register such building, the City designated officer may assess a penalty of one-hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each ninety (90) calendar day period the building continues to be unregistered. At no time may the amount of the assessment exceed four-hundred dollars (\$400.00) per building in a calendar year.
(c) If a building or property is vacant more than 1 year after initial registration, it may be classified as a chronic vacancy, as defined in Section 4-1001, and shall be subject to a fee of \$250.00 per year for residential and \$500.00 per year for commercial or industrial with a 10% annual increase for each category. Funds derived from said fee shall be used to offset the City's cost of annual inspections and incentives as found in Section 4-1002 of this Code.
(d) All penalties assessed shall be payable directly to the City.
(e) Any and all civil penalties assessed under this section shall be billed to the owner or other responsible party. Failure or refusal to pay any and all such penalties shall permit the City to pursue any and all available legal remedies for the enforcement and collection of such penalties, including, but not limited to, filing a lawsuit to seek recovery of such penalties and/or injunctive relief, abatement of nuisances in accordance with the Code, or any other appropriate action or proceeding. The City shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of collection from the property owner in the event that it prevails in a lawsuit hereunder.
(f) Upon failure to register a vacant building, as required by Section 4-1002, a Notice of Registration Penalty may be issued to the owner.
(i) A separate Notice shall be issued for each subsequent penalty that may be assessed pursuant to Section 4-1004.
(ii) The Notice shall be served upon the owner by return receipt delivery or personal service.
(iii) This section in no way limits the penalties, actions or

abatement procedures which may be undertaken by the City for a violation of any other ordinance or provision of the City Code or any other statute or law.

4-1005 Annual Inspection Requirement for Structures or Properties Classified as Chronic.
(a) The City's designated officer or their appointee may inspect or cause to be inspected any premises in the City for the purposes of enforcing and assuring compliance with the provisions of this Article and safeguarding the health, safety and welfare of the general public. Upon the request of the City designated officer, an owner shall provide access to all interior portions of any vacant building or suspected vacant building in order to permit a complete inspection.
(b) The City's designated officer is authorized to enter and inspect, or cause to be inspected, all vacant buildings and premises for the purpose of conducting an annual code compliance inspection.

4-1006 Severability
Should any provision of this Article be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions in this Article.

SECTION 2. The provisions of this ordinance shall be included and incorporated into the City Code for the City of Oxford, Kansas, as an addition or amendment thereto, and shall be appropriately numbered to conform with the numbering system of the Code.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication in the official City newspaper.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Governing Body of the City of Oxford, Kansas on this 19th day of August 2025.

David Olmsted, Mayor

ATTEST:
Shannon Brister, City Clerk