

Application Procedure

Prior to filing the Application for Tax Rebate you will need to do the following:

- Meet with and obtain an application from the County Appraiser's Office.
- Prior to the commencement of construction on any improvement or new construction for which a tax rebate will be requested, the applicant-owner will complete Parts 1 and 2 of the application. **Requests must be received and approved before commencement of construction. There will be no exceptions.**
- Parts 1 and 2 of the application must be filed with the County Appraiser's Office with a non-refundable \$25 application fee prior to the commencement of construction.
- The County Appraiser's Office will return a copy of Parts 1 and 2 to the applicant within fifteen (15) working days, indicating approval or denial of the project.

For a complete list of the Application Procedures, please see Section 7b of the Wichita County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

The Wichita County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan is available at the Wichita County Clerk's or Wichita County Appraiser's offices.

Wichita County
206 S. 4th Street
Leoti, KS 67861

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Wichita County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

GOALS OF THE WICHITA COUNTY NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION PLAN:

- **Stimulate economic growth**
- **Improve existing residential and commercial properties**
- **Rehabilitate aging residential and commercial properties**
- **Increase the number of newly constructed residential and commercial properties**
- **Provide incentives for affordable housing**
- **Increase the Wichita County tax base over time**

Wichita County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan

The Wichita County Neighborhood Revitalization Plan (NRP) is a county-wide tax rebate incentive program aimed to stimulate economic growth through improvements in existing properties and new construction.

History of the NRP

The Kansas Neighborhood Revitalization Act authorized any municipality covered by the cash basis law to designate a blighted area within its boundaries as a neighborhood revitalization area and to provide rebates to taxpayers for increases in property taxes resulting from improvements made to the property.

Using the word "blighted" to describe Wichita County, Kansas goes against the grain of a very proud community. However, that same community recognized that growth and revitalization of rural areas must occur to insure survival. The lack of growth and revitalization will, over time, have a severe negative impact on the rural way of life.

The lack of housing; the dilapidation, deterioration and obsolescence of residential, commercial and industrial structures; low housing vacancy rates; loss of population; and a declining tax base all contribute to the indicators of a "blighted" community.

Since all of the non-incorporated areas of Wichita County are facing similar challenges, the Wichita County Commission included the entire county in the designated neighborhood revitalization area.

Tax Rebate Rates

The tax rebate is a refund of the property taxes which are paid on the actual value added to a property due to the improvement. Under the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan legislation, the taxes relating to the assessed value on the property prior to the improvement may not be reduced and will continue to be payable. The rebate amount is figured using the initial increase in valuation. The tax rebates are available over a ten year period on the county mil levy. Rebates will not include state mil levy.

Year of Eligibility	Percentage Eligible
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	80%
Year 5	70%
Year 6	60%
Year 7	50%
Year 8	40%
Year 9	30%
Year 10	20%

Criteria for Eligibility

The improvement must increase the assessed value of your property at least \$5,000. The parcel must comply with all zoning and building codes. Eligibility for the program does not transfer with ownership. Delinquency will disqualify the parcel from the program. Applications must be received and approved prior to the project commencing. For a complete list of the Criteria for Eligibility, please see Section 7 of the Wichita County Revitalization Plan.

There is a three (3) year open application period commencing July 1, 2010. The tax rebate will be for a length of ten (10) years.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wichita County Appraiser's Office
at 375-4242 or
Wichita County Economic Development
Office at 375-2182

Both are located at the
Wichita County Courthouse
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