

Smoke-Free Housing Update

By Christina Hitz
Board of Health
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What is
smoke-
free
housing?





Why is it important?

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By Taylor Barth | Posted: Tue 10:15 PM, Apr 19, 2016 | Updated: Tue 10:28 PM, Apr 19, 2016

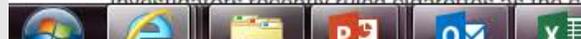


LINCOLN, Neb. -- Throwing cigarettes away carelessly is not a new problem, but one that's on the rise and causing thousands of dollars in damages. Cigarettes are now the second leading cause of fires in Lincoln. It's a trend City Fire Inspector Chuck Schweitzer wants to see stop.

In 2015, 54 fires were caused by some sort of smoking matter, or poorly discarded cigarettes. That makes up 10.6 percent of all fires in Lincoln last year. Cooking was the number one cause at about 11 percent. A least four other causes make up the other 69.4 percent.

"With people carelessly disposing of cigarettes and these high winds, it's just added to the amount of fires that we've had with cigarettes.," Schweitzer said.

Investigators recently ruled cigarettes as the cause of two fires in



What do we
do about it?





Lincoln-Lancaster County
Health Department
Training Center, (lower level)
3140 N Street

November 17, 2015
11:30 am - 1:30 pm

Lunch is provided.

Space is limited. RSVP by Thursday, November 5th to:

Pam, 402-441-6224 or
prowe@lincoln.ne.gov

Deb, 402-441-6225 or
dedelmaier@lincoln.ne.gov

Participants will:

- ❖ learn about making rental property smoke-free.
- ❖ learn about improving compliance with existing smoke-free housing policy.
- ❖ hear from a panel of landlords and housing professionals about their experiences with smoke-free housing policy.
- ❖ receive samples of smoke-free signage and policies.



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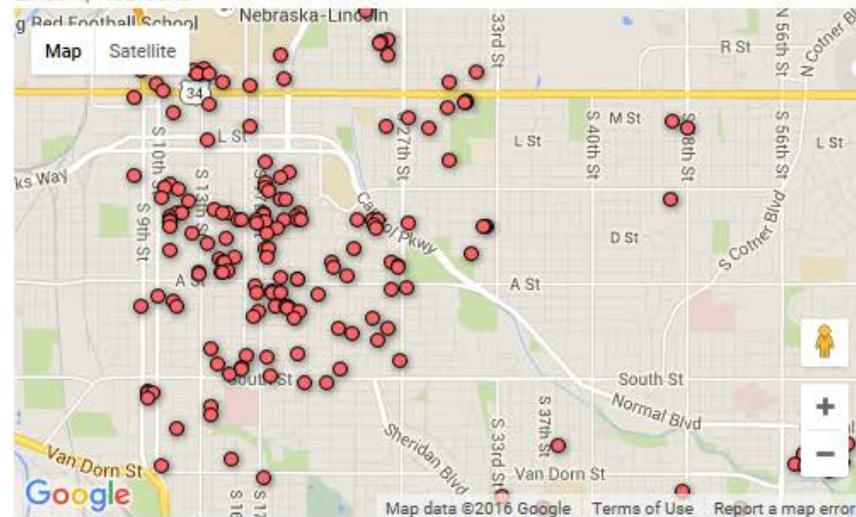
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Smoke-Free Rental Housing

Lincoln, Nebraska



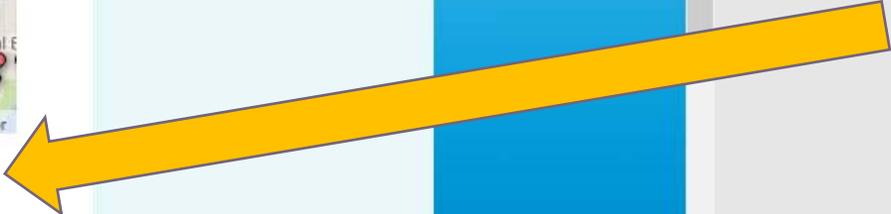
This map reflects only the property owners who have currently registered and not all smoke-free rental property available in Lincoln. It does not show if apartments are currently available to be rented.



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[Smoke-Free Housing Map; Lincoln, NE](#)



“Fire Safe Landlord Training”

Free Training! Free Lunch! Free Smoke Alarms!

Free Training for landlords or property managers:

Safe Kids of Lancaster County is sponsoring a **free training**, (including **free lunch**) on proven strategies to protect your property from fires (including how to keep tenants from disabling the smoke alarms).

Thursday March 17, 2016 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

OR

Thursday July 21, 2016 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

OR

Thursday October 6, 2016 11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Participants will receive: **free smoke alarms, posters, and tenant education materials.**

Seating is limited. Register now to insure materials and space at: 402-441-8045 or on-line @ <http://lorriepdr.wufoo.com/forms/s7x2r7/>

This training is recommended annually.

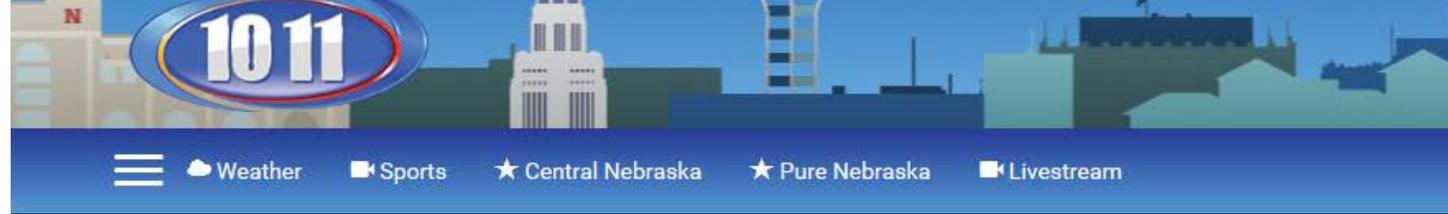
Location: Paul Davis Restoration, 3641 S. 6th St., Lincoln NE



Smoke alarms are made to wake you and your family in the night when most fire deaths happen.

Keep it noisy!

A working smoke alarm protects you, your family, and your neighbors!



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UPDATE: Cigarette causes fire in northeast Lincoln Saturday night



By 1011 News | Posted: Sat 8:40 PM, Apr 16, 2016 | Updated: Sun 3:40 PM, Apr 17, 2016



LINCOLN, Neb. Fire Inspector Chuck Schweitzer said a carelessly discarded cigarette caused a fire at an apartment complex in



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Smoke Free Building

Powell Management
P.O.Box 0
Malcolm, NE 68402

This letter is to inform you this building is becoming smoke free.

As of Monday, April 18th this apartment complex will be smoke free. This means there is no smoking in the apartment units, hallways, or anywhere inside the building. This policy pertains to tenants, guests, maintenance and everyone in the building.

This will help with fire safety in the building and will provide clean air for all tenants.

Please use a can or container on your patios to place the cigarette butts. We also have waste receptacles ordered for the butts that will be placed at the front and the back of the building for use. Do not throw butts on the ground or throw them over the patios.

Violation will result in use of security deposit to clean everything affected.

Regards,

Powell Management

Other smoke free housing efforts

Planning Commission OKs East O housing development

17 hours ago • By [Matt Olberding](#) | [Lincoln Journal Star](#)

Housing project

A 320-unit housing development is proposed for just east of State Farm Insurance.



The Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission voted Wednesday to support a development near 90th and O streets that could eventually have more than 300 residential units as well as about 40,000 square feet of commercial space.

The development is proposed for about 50 acres directly east of the State Farm campus at 84th and O streets and mostly west of Hillcrest Country Club.

Plans call for 100 single-family houses and townhouses, a 220-unit apartment complex and up to 40,000 square feet of commercial space.

Mike Eckert of Civil Design Group, who was representing developer Lewis-Starostka Inc. of Grand Island, said the single-family homes and townhomes will be built first, possibly as early as next year.

The apartment complex and commercial businesses would come along as market conditions dictate, he said, and might not develop for several years.

\$8 million facelift planned for President, Ambassador apartment buildings



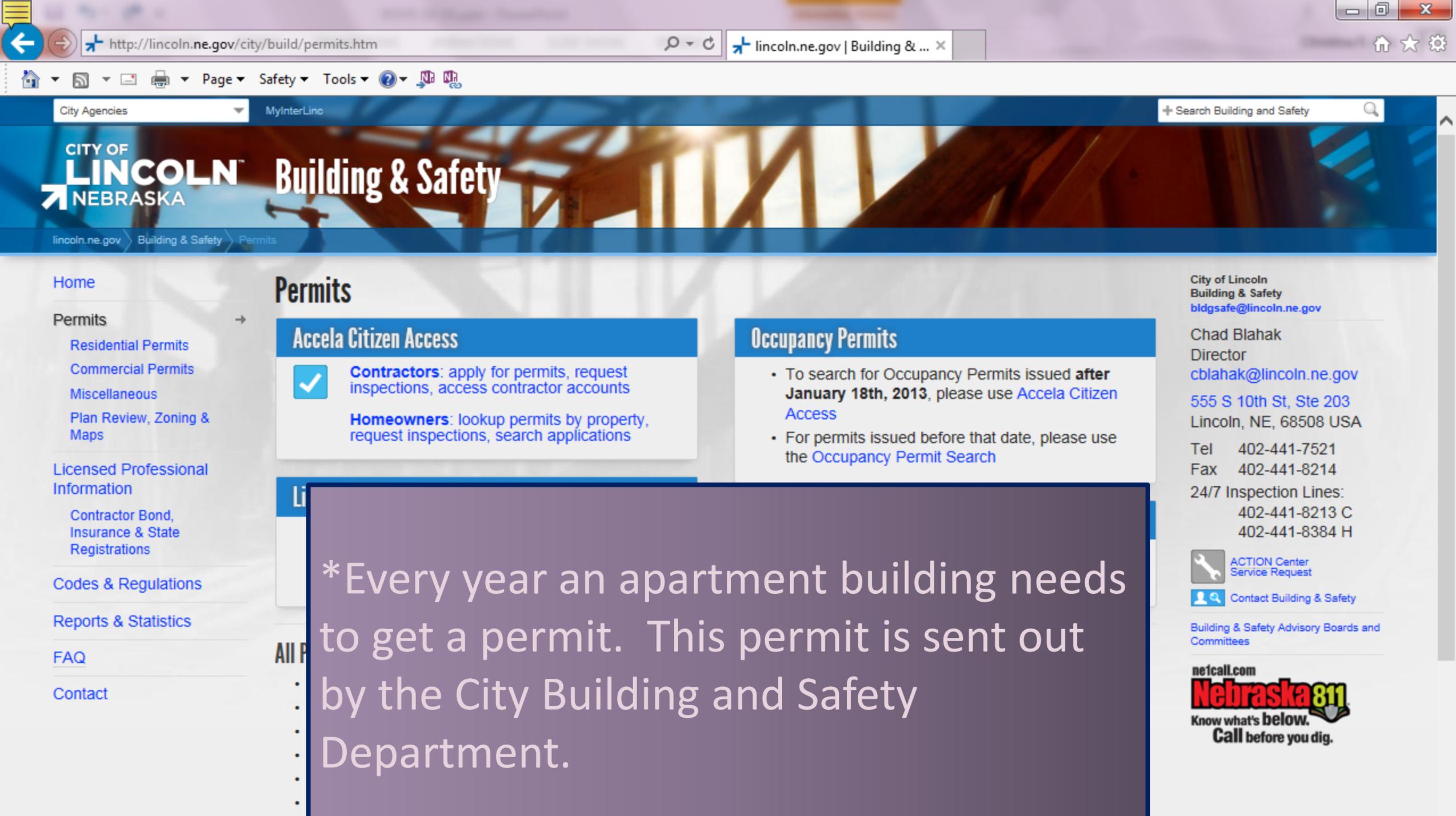
MARCH 02, 2014 3:30 AM • BY KEVIN ABOUREZK | LINCOLN JOURNAL STAR

The owner of two apartment buildings once built to house state senators but now used as low-income housing near the Capitol wants to complete an \$8 million renovation of the buildings

Trenridge sold, renovations planned

An Omaha company has purchased one of Lincoln's oldest multi-building apartment complexes and plans major renovations.

Metonic Real Estate Solutions announced Monday that it has purchased Tren-



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Permits

Accela Citizen Access

- Contractors:** apply for permits, request inspections, access contractor accounts
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Occupancy Permits

- To search for Occupancy Permits issued **after January 18th, 2013**, please use [Accela Citizen Access](#)
- For permits issued before that date, please use the [Occupancy Permit Search](#)

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*Every year an apartment building needs to get a permit. This permit is sent out by the City Building and Safety Department.





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