AN ORDINANCE introduced by Mayor Joan Wagnon relating to emergency abatements of nuisance conditions.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TOPEKA, KANSAS:

Section 1. Chapter 66, Article II. Nuisances of the Topeka City Code is hereby amended by the addition of the following language:

Whenever in the judgment of the code compliance director the storage or abandonment of a refrigerator, deep freeze, or other such appliance which has an attached door that cannot be easily opened from the inside constitutes an emergency and requires immediate action to protect the public health, safety or welfare, an order may be issued, without written notice, or hearing, directing the owner of the real property upon which the refrigerator, deep freeze, or other such appliance is located to take such action as is appropriate to correct or abate the emergency. The director may not abate other nuisance conditions existing on the real property without giving proper notice. The director shall attempt to contact the owner, occupant or agent. If such attempt is unsuccessful, the director may act to correct or abate the emergency.

The owner shall be granted a conference on the matter upon request, as soon as practicable, but such conference shall in no case stay the abatement or correction of such emergency.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication in the official city newspaper.