



LANCASTER COUNTY

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CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

**IN THE COUNTY COURT FOR LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA**

INSPECTION WARRANT FOR THE PREMISES AT 5700 SAYLOR STREET, LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA.

This matter comes before the court on the Affidavit of Sean Stewart, Chief Housing Inspector for the City of Lincoln Department of Building and Safety, for an Inspection Warrant for the interior of the building located at 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, a copy of which is made a part hereof by reference, and the court, being duly informed finds and orders as follows:

1. Sean Stewart is employed by the City of Lincoln Department of Building and Safety as Chief Housing Inspector. In that capacity, part of his duties involve the investigation and enforcement of Title 21 and Title 5 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to housing and property maintenance and apartment licensing.

2. Reasonable cause exists to believe that Richard W. Laws and Jean L. Laws, owners of real property legally described as Lot 7, Block 5, Second Addition to Normal, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, together with the South One-Half of the vacated alley adjacent thereto and generally described as 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, County, Nebraska (“the Property”) have failed to maintain all exterior surfaces in good condition as required by L.M.C. 21.05.270 and that other conditions in or about the Property fail to comply with housing and property maintenance provisions of Title 21 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. The Court specifically finds that a request for an inspection is authorized by the number of verified code complaints on the property and the statements of Richard W. Laws regarding the condition of the interior of the house at 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

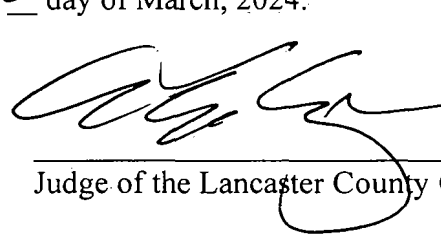

3. Wherefore, Sean Stewart and any other inspectors of the City of Lincoln Department of Building and Safety, and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department are hereby authorized to conduct an inspection of 100% of the interior of the house located 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, and to inspect the exterior property at that location to determine compliance with Title 21 of the Lincoln Municipal Code relating to housing and property maintenance.

4. Commissioned officers of the Lincoln, Nebraska Police Department may accompany the inspectors but shall not enter the house located at 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska.

5. A locksmith may accompany the inspectors to assist in gaining entrance to the Property, if necessary.

6. This warrant shall be executed and returned within 10 days to the Clerk of the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

Given under my hand and seal this 28 day of March, 2024.

  
  
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Judge of the Lancaster County Court

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF AN  
INSPECTION WARRANT FOR THE  
PREMISES AT 5700 SAYLOR STREET,  
LINCOLN, LANCASTER COUNTY,  
NEBRASKA

LANCASTER COUNTY  
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STATE OF NEBRASKA     )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF LANCASTER)

COMES NOW Sean Stewart (“Affiant”), being first duly sworn upon oath, and deposes and states the following:

1. Affiant is employed by the City of Lincoln, Nebraska’s Department of Building and Safety (“Building and Safety”) as Chief Housing Inspector.
2. In that capacity, part of his duties involve investigation of complaints and enforcement of provisions of Title 21 of the Lincoln Municipal Code (“LMC”) relating to housing and property maintenance. His duties also include custody and oversight of all records of Building and Safety relating to housing or property maintenance violations of the LMC.
3. Affiant has knowledge that on March 6, 2017, Building and Safety received a complaint from a neighbor about property legally described as:
 

Lot 7, Block 5, Second Addition to Normal, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, together with the South One-Half of the vacated alley adjacent thereto and generally described as 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, County, Nebraska (“the Property”).
4. The Property has been owned and occupied by Richard W. Laws and Jean L. Laws, husband and wife (“the Owners”) continuously since 2014. The complaint

described the following property maintenance issues: using license plates to cover holes in the roof; stuffing plastic bags in and around window to hold in the siding; gutters and siding rotting and falling off; use of tree limbs to hold up a fence; inoperable vehicles parked on the Property; and overgrown backyard. Building and Safety then dispatched Dennis Drbal, a housing inspector with Building and Safety, to view the Property based on the complaint. Mr. Drbal generally found the complaint to be accurate and, on March 9, 2017, sent a notice of violations of the LMC to the Owners. A copy of the letter with the list of deficiencies is attached as Exhibit 1.

5. On June 14, 2017, Dennis Drbal met one of the Owners on site. Dennis Drbal noted that the roof holes had been poorly patched and not in compliance with the LMC. Dennis Drbal advised the Owners of what was necessary to correct the condition. Dennis Drbal gave the Owners two weeks to start the repairs. Dennis Drbal again met one of the Owners on site on August 18, 2017. Dennis Drbal noted that the roof holes were still poorly patched and not in compliance with the LMC. Dennis Drbal gave the Owners another two weeks to start the repairs.
6. Affiant is aware of similar complaints from neighbors in 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. For each such complaint, inspectors from Building and Safety verified the complaints and sent a notice of violation to the Owners.
7. Affiant is aware that the Owners have twice been convicted of Inadequate Maintenance of Property in *State of Nebraska v. Richard Laws*, Case No. CR 18-7578 and *State of Nebraska v. Richard Laws*, Case No. CR 23-5100, in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, with certified copies of the convictions


attached hereto and numbered Exhibits 3 and 4 respectively. Affiant is further aware that the fines and costs for both convictions have been paid, the conditions resulting in the complaints have not been repaired.

8. Affiant is aware of a complaint being reported to the City of Lincoln, Nebraska on or about February 29, 2024. The complaint described the same or similar conditions as noted in the complaint in 2017 and again described in the complaints from neighbors in 2018, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023. On March 3, 2024, Affiant went to the Property and personally met with the person Affiant knows to be Richard Laws, one of the Owners. Affiant asked Mr. Laws about the condition of his property and the hole in the roof. Mr. Laws responded by saying he was preparing to put a new tarp on the roof because the weather forecast included a chance of rain. As the conversation continued, Mr. Laws stated that part of his ceiling had caved in due to water leaks in the roof, but has not fixed the ceiling because water is still getting in. Mr. Laws also reported hearing squirrels in the roof and wall spaces of the house on the Property.
9. During the conversation with Mr. Laws on March 3, 2024, Affiant asked Mr. Laws if he could go into the house to see the condition of the ceiling and the walls. Mr. Laws declined and refused to allow Affiant to enter the house on the Property.
10. Affiant has personal knowledge that the Owners occupy the property.
11. The information described above establishes reasonable cause for the issuance of an inspection warrant to allow inspectors to inspect the house and property at 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska, as the house on the property appears to be uninhabitable due to the deteriorating condition of the exterior and

reports of leaking water and rodents from the Owners inside the house and to assess compliance with the exterior of the property, including inadequate maintenance based on complaints and visual observations of conditions on the Property.

12. Affiant requests that the inspection warrant allow inspectors for the City of Lincoln Department of Building and Safety to conduct an inspection to determine compliance with Chapter 21.05 of the Lincoln Municipal Code and to permit the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, and any commissioned Lincoln Police Department police officers, and a locksmith, if necessary, to assist in conducting the inspection.

FURTHER Affiant saith not.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Building Inspector, Building and Safety

*A.A. Housing*  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 28 day of March, 2024.

  
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Lancaster County Court Judge

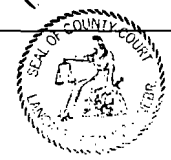


Exhibit #1



Building & Safety  
555 S. 10th St. Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-7521 fax: 402-441-8214

lincoln.ne.gov

March 09, 2017

LAWS, RICHARD W & JEAN L  
5700 SAYLOR ST  
LINCOLN, NE 68506

RE: 5700 SAYLOR ST  
SECOND ADDITION TO NORMAL, BLOCK 5, Lot 7, & S1/2 VAC E-W ALLEY ADJ  
CT170128

Dear LAWS, RICHARD W & JEAN L,

An inspection was made by the Housing Code Section of the DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & SAFETY, of your property at 5700 SAYLOR ST on March 09, 2017. This inspection was made due to a complaint.

It was found that the following Property Maintenance Code or zoning violations exist and must be corrected in order to comply with Titles 21 and 27 of the Lincoln Municipal Code. The list of violations is attached.

Since these are violations of the Lincoln Municipal Code and are required to be corrected, we will reinspect on April 10, 2017, at which time the corrections must be completed. Appropriate permits may be required for these repairs in accordance with the applicable codes enforced by this office. Failure to complete the necessary repairs by the date specified will result in the City taking legal action against the property owner.

An inspection fee of \$75.00 will be charged to you if the violations in this notice are not corrected by the completion date outlined in this letter. The inspection fee is result of the adoption of amendments by the City Council to section 21.05.120 and 5.38.040 of the Lincoln Municipal Code.

The decision of the Code Official contained herein ordering the repair may be appealed to the Housing Advisory and Appeals Board by any person having record title or legal interest in the building, provided a \$100.00 fee is paid and a written appeal is filed in the DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & SAFETY, 555 S 10th St, (County-City Building, Room 203), Lincoln NE 68508-2803, within twenty (20) days from the date of service of this notice and order. You may obtain an appeal form from the DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & SAFETY office or you may call 402-441-7785 to request a form be mailed to you. Failure to so appeal will constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing and determination of the matter.

Should you have any questions or to set up an inspection, please call me at 402-441-6431 , 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. If the repair work is inaccessible for re-inspection, it will be necessary for the owner or his/her agent to make an appointment for reinspection to confirm compliance.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis Drbal  
Housing Inspector



Exhibit #2

CERTIFIED COPY

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska

State v. Richard Laws  
Case ID: CR 23 5100

Page	Document	Date
1	Citation/Complaint	05/17/2023
3	Letter	05/17/2023
4	Journal Entry & Order	06/27/2023
5	Journal Entry & Order	07/25/2023
6	Journal Entry & Order	08/28/2023
7	Journal Entry & Order	10/02/2023
8	Journal Entry & Order	11/14/2023
9	Request-Certified Copy	03/18/2024

I, Clerk of the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, certify this document consisting of 9 page(s) to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original record on file in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have placed my signature and seal of said court.



Date: March 20, 2024

BY THE COURT:

*Melissa Ireland*

CLERK

IN THE LANCASTER COUNTY COURT, THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT

STATE OF NEBRASKA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICHARD LAWS,  
DOB: August 23, 1946

Defendant.

CASE NO.

COMPLAINT

XX2230289

The complaint of the undersigned prosecuting attorney for the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska, says that on or about May 8, 2023, the above-named Defendant did unlawfully commit the following offense (s):

**COUNT 1                      INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING**

Fail to adequately maintain a building or portion thereof at 5700 Saylor Street, Lincoln, Lancaster County, Nebraska; in violation of the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Lincoln, Section 304.19, as adopted by L.M.C. Section 21.05.320.21.05.320A. SUCH BEING A SECOND OFFENSE

(M/min fine \$200-\$500 for 1st offense, \$300-\$500 for 2nd offense, \$400-\$500 for 3rd offense, max 6 months jail - L.M.C. Section 21.05.120.)

Contrary to Lincoln Municipal Code, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nebraska.

YOHANCE L. CHRISTIE  
CITY ATTORNEY, LINCOLN NE



Robert Caples, #21697  
Assistant City Attorney, City of Lincoln  
555 S. 10th St., Suite 300  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508  
(402) 441-7289  
rcaples@lincoln.ne.gov

Attorney for the State

Uniform Citation and Complaint attached and incorporated herein.  
ARR. DATE: June 27, 2023, 1:30 pm, Lancaster County Court



CITY ATTORNEY  
555 South 10th Street, Suite 300 | Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-7281 | F: 402-441-8812

Filed in Lancaster County Court  
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Case Number: C02CR230005100

Transaction ID: 0019932976

Filing Date: 05/17/2023 10:50:06 AM CDT

May 17, 2023

Richard Laws  
5700 Saylor St  
LINCOLN, NE 68506

Dear Mr. Laws,

This is to advise you that a complaint has been filed against you in the Lancaster County Court charging you with a violation of the Lincoln Municipal Code. A copy of the complaint is enclosed.

You are scheduled to appear in Lancaster County Court, 575 S. 10th St., Lincoln, NE, 68508, Courtroom #24, on June 27, 2023, at 1:30 pm, to be arraigned on this complaint. Failure to appear could result in the issuance of a warrant for your arrest.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rob Caples".

Robert Caples  
Assistant City Attorney

Enclosure

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS

Printed on 6/27/2023 at 2:01

DOB: 8/23/1946

Room 02C24

Case ID: CR 23 5100

Page 1

Citation: XX 2230289

Date of Hearing 6/27/2023

CHARGES (AMENDMENTS/PLEAS/FINDINGS/FINES/PRESENTENCE/JAIL/DISMISSALS)

CHARGE	STATUTE	DESCRIPTION	CLASS	TYPE
01 Plea: Not Guilty	21.05.320A	Inadequate Maintenance of Building		MSD

APPEARANCES AND ADVISEMENT

Judge Laurie J Yardley  
 Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
 Prosecutor Jessica A Kerkhofs

Defendant advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties, effect of conviction on non-citizens, and each of the following rights: Counsel; Appointed Counsel; Trial; Jury Trial; Confront Accusers; Subpoena Witnesses; Remain Silent; Request Transfer to Juvenile Court; Defendant's Presumption of Innocence; State's Burden of Proof Beyond Reasonable Doubt (clear and convincing in cases of probation violations); Right to Appeal.

ARRAIGNMENT

Defendant enters above pleas.

ADDITIONAL ENTRIES OF RECORD

Court administered Neb. Rev. Stat. Section 29-1819.02 non-citizen advisement to the Defendant.

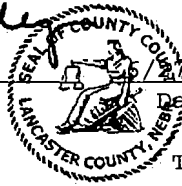
FUTURE COURT APPEARANCES

Case continued to 7/25/2023 at 2:00 PM in County Courtroom 25 for Hearing - Docket Call

Hon.

*Laurie J Yardley*

Laurie J Yardley



6/27/2023

Date

AM/KA

Bailiff

Tape Nos. DIGITAL

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS  
DOB: 8/23/1946  
Case ID: CR 23 5100  
Citation: XX 2230289

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Room 02C25  
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Date of Hearing 7/25/2023

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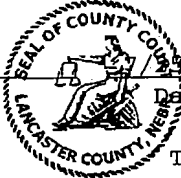
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APPEARANCES AND ADVISEMENT

Judge Thomas Zimmerman  
Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
Defense Counsel Self-Represented Litigant  
Prosecutor Connor L Reuter  
Defendant previously advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties and rights.

FUTURE COURT APPEARANCES

Case continued to 8/28/2023 at 2:00 PM on motion of Defense  
in County Courtroom 25 for Hearing - Docket Call

Hon. Thomas Zimmerman  8/23/2023 JP Bailiff  
Date  
Tape Nos. DIGITAL

Journal Entry and Order(s) copies to:  
DEFENDANT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS

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DOB: 8/23/1946

Room 02C25

Case ID: CR 23 5100

Page 1

Citation: XX 2230289

Date of Hearing 8/28/2023

CHARGES (AMENDMENTS/PLEAS/FINDINGS/FINES/PRESENTENCE/JAIL/DISMISSALS)

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APPEARANCES AND ADVISEMENT

Judge Laurie J Yardley

Defendant RICHARD LAWS

Defense Counsel Self-Represented Litigant

Prosecutor Connor L Reuter

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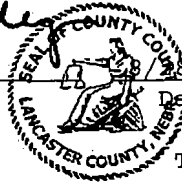
FUTURE COURT APPEARANCES

Case continued to 10/02/2023 at 2:00 PM on motion of Defense in County Courtroom 25 for Hearing - Docket Call

Hon.

*Laurie J Yardley*

Laurie J Yardley



8/28/2023

Date

AM

Bailiff

Tape Nos. DIGITAL

Journal Entry and Order(s) copies to: DEFENDANT

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS  
DOB: 8/23/1946  
Case ID: CR 23 5100  
Citation: XX 2230289

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Date of Hearing 10/02/2023

CHARGES (AMENDMENTS/PLEAS/FINDINGS/FINES/PRESENTENCE/JAIL/DISMISSALS)

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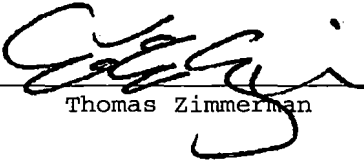
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Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
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Prosecutor Connor L Reuter

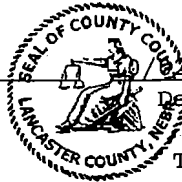
Defendant previously advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties and rights.

F U T U R E C O U R T A P P E A R A N C E S

Case continued to 11/14/2023 at 10:30 AM on motion of Defense  
in County Courtroom 25 for Trial - Bench Trial

Hon.

  
Thomas Zimmerman



10/02/2023  
Date

JP/CR

Bailiff

Tape Nos. DIGITAL

Journal Entry and Order(s) copies to:  
DEFENDANT



IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS

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DOB: 8/23/1946

Room 02C25

Case ID: CR 23 5100

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Citation: XX 2230289

Date of Hearing 11/14/2023

CHARGES (AMENDMENTS/PLEAS/FINDINGS/FINES/PRESENTENCE/JAIL/DISMISSALS)

<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
01	21.05.320A	Inadequate Maintenance of Building		MSD
Plea: No Contest	Found: Guilty	Fine: \$200.00		

A P P E A R A N C E S A N D A D V I S E M E N T

Judge Laurie J Yardley  
 Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
 Defense Counsel Self-Represented Litigant  
 Prosecutor Robert E Caples  
 Defendant previously advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties and rights.

A R R A I G N M E N T

Defendant enters above pleas.  
 Pleas entered knowingly, intelligently, voluntarily, and a factual basis for plea(s) found.  
 Court finds as shown above.

T R I A L / M O T I O N H E A R I N G

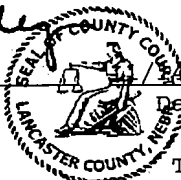
Enhancement hearing held. Court finds FOUND GUILTY 1ST OFFENSE.

S E N T E N C I N G

Defendant was granted allocution and sentence was pronounced by the Court.  
 Defendant ordered to pay fines as shown above; for a total of \$200.00,  
 and all costs of prosecution.  
 Execution of \$268.69 is suspended until 5/16/2024.  
 Defendant to pay Court Costs \$49.00  
 Sheriff Fees \$18.69  
 Other \$1.00

Inquiry has been made regarding the Defendant's financial ability to pay fines and costs and the Court finds the Defendant is able to pay the same at this time or by making payments over a period of time.

Hon. Laurie J Yardley /2023 AM/LF  
 Laurie J Yardley Date Bailiff



Tape Nos. DIGITAL

Journal Entry and Order(s) copies to:  
DEFENDANT



CITY ATTORNEY  
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Case Number: C02CR230005100

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March 18, 2024

Clerk of the Lancaster County Court  
575 S. 10th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Richard Laws  
DOB 8/23/46  
Case Number: CR23-5100

Dear Clerk,

As a matter of gathering evidentiary materials for this defendant, we need a certified copy of the file kept in the records of your Court concerning a conviction against the said individual found at the case number listed above. Please email these documents to [cityatty@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:cityatty@lincoln.ne.gov) as soon as possible along with your statement for whatever fees are involved. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Please return this letter with your documents. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JK" or similar initials.

Jessica Kerkhofs  
Chief Assistant City Attorney

Exhibit #5

CERTIFIED COPY

In the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska

State v. Richard Laws  
Case ID: CR 18 7578

Page	Document	Date
1	Complaint	06/12/2018
3	Journal Entry & Order	07/26/2018
4	Journal Entry & Order	09/06/2018
5	Journal Entry & Order	10/30/2018
6	Time Payment Application/Order	12/04/2018
7	Journal Entry & Order	12/04/2018
8	Request-Certified Copy	03/18/2024

I, Clerk of the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska, certify this document consisting of 8 page(s) to be a full, true, and correct copy of the original record on file in the County Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have placed my signature and seal of said court



Date: March 20, 2024

BY THE COURT:

*Melissa Ireland*

CLERK

07/26/18

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA, DISTRICT THREE

STATE OF NEBRASKA	)	
	)	COMPLAINT
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	CASE NO. <u>CR 18-7578</u>
	)	
RICHARD LAWS	)	CITATION XX2180251
DOB August 23, 1946	)	
5700 SAYLOR ST	)	
LINCOLN, NE 68506	)	
	)	
Defendant.	)	

The complaint of the undersigned prosecuting attorney for the City of Lincoln, Lancaster County Nebraska, says that on or about May 29, 2018, the above named Defendant did unlawfully commit the following offense(s):

**COUNT 1 INADEQUATE MAINTENANCE OF BUILDING**  
fail to adequately maintain a building or portion thereof to wit: 5700 Saylor Street, in violation of the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Lincoln, section 304.19, as adopted by L.M.C. section 21.05.320. (M/min fine \$200-\$500 for 1st offense, \$300-\$500 for 2nd offense, \$400-\$500 for 3rd offense, max 6 months jail- L.M.C. section 21.05.120.)

Contrary to Lincoln Municipal Code, and against the peace and dignity of the State of Nebraska

<b>FILED</b>
JUN 12 2018
CLERK OF LANCASTER COUNTY COURT DISTRICT THREE

JEFFERY R. KIRKPATRICK  
CITY ATTORNEY, LINCOLN NE

*Robert E. Caples*

Robert Caples #21697  
Assistant City Attorney

Uniform Citation and Complaint attached and incorporated herein.

ARR. DATE: July 26, 2018, 13:30:00, Lancaster County Court





**LAW DEPARTMENT**

555 South 10th Street Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68508  
402-441-7281 lincoln.ne.gov

Jeffery R. Kirkpatrick, City Attorney Ernest R. (Rick) Pao III, Chief Assistant  
Jessica A. Kerkhofs, Chief Prosecutor Tonya L. Peters, Police Legal Advisor

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Elizabeth D. Elliott  
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**PROSECUTION DIVISION**  
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Connor L. Renter  
Rob E. Caples  
Marcee A. Brownlee

June 11, 2018

RICHARD LAWS  
5700 SAYLOR ST  
LINCOLN, NE 68506

Dear MR. LAWS,

This is to advise you that a complaint has been filed against you in the Lancaster County Court charging you with a violation of the Lincoln Municipal Code. A copy of the complaint is enclosed.

You are scheduled to appear in Lancaster County Court on July 26, 2018, at 01:30PM, in the Hall of Justice at 575 South 10th Street, to be arraigned on this complaint.

If you plead guilty, the complaint will be disposed of at that time. If you plead not guilty, the complaint will be set for trial at a later date. Failure to appear will result in the issuance of a warrant for your arrest.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert E. Caples".

Robert Caples  
Assistant City Attorney

RC/kj

Enclosure

## IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS  
 DOB: 8/23/1946  
 Case ID: CR 18 7578  
 Citation: XX 2180251

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 Room 02C24  
 Page 1  
 Date of Hearing 7/26/2018

CHARGES (AMENDMENTS/PLEAS/FINDINGS/FINES/PRESENTENCE/JAIL/DISMISSALS)

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A P P E A R A N C E S A N D A D V I S E M E N T

Judge Timothy C Phillips  
 Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
 Defense Counsel Self-Represented Litigant  
 Prosecutor Patrick A Campbell

Defendant advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties, effect of conviction on non-citizens, and each of the following rights: Counsel; Appointed Counsel; Trial; Jury Trial; Confront Accusers; Subpoena Witnesses; Remain Silent; Request Transfer to Juvenile Court; Defendant's Presumption of Innocence; State's Burden of Proof Beyond Reasonable Doubt (clear and convincing in cases of probation violations); Right to Appeal.

A R R A I G N M E N T

Defendant enters above pleas.

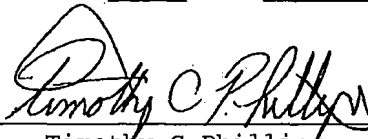
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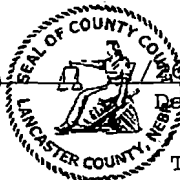
SET FOR TRIAL

F U T U R E C O U R T A P P E A R A N C E S

Case continued to 9/06/2018 at 9:00 AM  
 in County Courtroom 25 for Trial - Bench Trial

Hon. \_\_\_\_\_

  
 Timothy C Phillips



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Date

AAB/AB

Bailiff

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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS  
DOB: 8/23/1946  
Case ID: CR 18 7578  
Citation: XX 2180251

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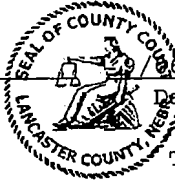
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01	21.05.320A	Inadequate Maintenance of Building		MSD

A P P E A R A N C E S A N D A D V I S E M E N T

Judge Holly J Parsley  
Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
Defense Counsel Self-Represented Litigant  
Prosecutor Jessica A Kerkhofs  
Defendant previously advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties and rights.

F U T U R E C O U R T A P P E A R A N C E S

Case continued to 10/30/2018 at 10:30 AM on motion of Defense  
in County Courtroom 25 for Disposition - Disposition With Out Trial

Hon. Holly J Parsley  9/6/2018  
 Holly J Parsley Date Bailiff  
 Tape Nos. CD

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS

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Room 02C24

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Date of Hearing 10/30/2018

CHARGES (AMENDMENTS/PLEAS/FINDINGS/FINES/PRESENTENCE/JAIL/DISMISSALS)

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01	21.05.320A	Inadequate Maintenance of Building		MSD

A P P E A R A N C E S A N D A D V I S E M E N T

Judge Matt L Acton  
 Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
 Defense Counsel Self-Represented Litigant  
 Prosecutor Christine A Loseke  
 Defendant previously advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties and rights.

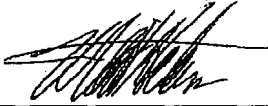
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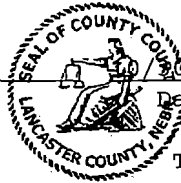
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Case continued to 12/04/2018 at 2:00 PM  
 in County Courtroom 25 for Trial - Bench Trial

Hon.



Matt L Acton



/2018

Date

TG

Bailiff

Tape Nos. CD



**TIME PAYMENT APPLICATION/ORDER**

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA  
575 South 10th Street  
2nd Floor  
Lincoln, NE 68508  
402.441.7291

State v. Richard Laws  
Case ID: CR 18 7578  
Citation No.: XX 2180251

Printed on 12/04/2018 at 3:01

**APPLICATION**

I, the defendant in this matter, do not have sufficient funds to pay the judgment(s) against me. I wish to apply for an extension of time in which to pay such judgment(s). I acknowledge receipt of a copy of this agreement and agree to abide by its terms. I understand I can make partial payments. I understand that if this time payment is for a traffic offense, failure to pay as directed may result in the suspension of my operator's license. I further understand that if my fine and costs are not paid by the due date, a warrant may be issued for my arrest and that failure to pay restitution may ultimately result in the garnishment of my wages and/or the seizure of personal assets. Payment can be made to the Court at the above address or online at <http://ne.gov/go/paycourts>.

Address 5700 Saylor St City/State/Zip Lincoln, NE 68506-0000

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Accept text messages? Yes  No

Employer Retired Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant's Signature

*Richard P. Laws*

**ORDER**

The defendant's application is granted. It is ordered that the defendant pay:

Fines ..... \$200.00  
Costs ..... \$50.00  
Restitution .....

Total of ..... \$250.00 to be paid by 4/04/2019.

Probation enrollment fee of \_\_\_\_\_ is to be paid immediately.

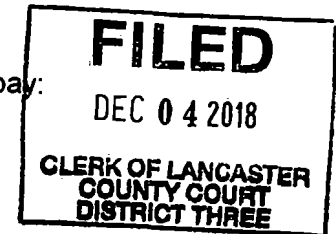
Probation administrative fees of \_\_\_\_\_ are to be paid at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

If the judgment(s) is/are not paid by said date it is further ordered that the defendant appear before this court on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ in courtroom \_\_\_\_\_ to show cause why he/she should not be committed to jail and/or fined for contempt for nonpayment of judgment(s).

Special Conditions



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**CASE FILE COPY**

By the Court

*[Signature]*

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF LANCASTER COUNTY, NEBRASKA

ST V. RICHARD LAWS

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Room 02C25

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<u>CHARGE</u>	<u>STATUTE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>CLASS</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
01	21.05.320A	Inadequate Maintenance of Building		MSD
Plea: No Contest		Found: Guilty	Fine: \$200.00	

A P P E A R A N C E S A N D A D V I S E M E N T

Judge Joseph Dalton  
 Defendant RICHARD LAWS  
 Defense Counsel Self-Represented Litigant  
 Prosecutor Marcee A Brownlee  
 Defendant previously advised of the nature of the above charges, all possible penalties and rights.

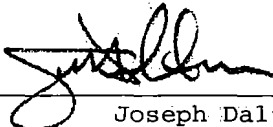
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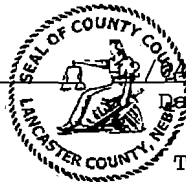
Defendant enters above pleas.  
 Pleas entered knowingly, intelligently, voluntarily, and a factual basis for plea(s) found.  
 Court finds as shown above.

S E N T E N C I N G

Defendant was granted allocution and sentence was pronounced by the Court.  
 Defendant ordered to pay fines as shown above; for a total of \$200.00, and all costs of prosecution.  
 Execution of \$250.00 is suspended until 4/04/2019.  
 Defendant to pay Court Costs \$49.00  
 Other \$1.00

Hon.

  
 Joseph Dalton



12/04/2018  
 Date

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March 18, 2024

Clerk of the Lancaster County Court  
575 S. 10th St.  
Lincoln, NE 68508

Re: Richard Laws  
DOB 8/23/46  
Case Number: CR18-7578

Dear Clerk,

As a matter of gathering evidentiary materials for this defendant, we need a certified copy of the file kept in the records of your Court concerning a conviction against the said individual found at the case number listed above. Please email these documents to [cityatty@lincoln.ne.gov](mailto:cityatty@lincoln.ne.gov) as soon as possible along with your statement for whatever fees are involved. We appreciate your help in this matter.

Please return this letter with your documents. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JK" or similar initials.

Jessica Kerkhofs  
Chief Assistant City Attorney