

More time granted for properties in violation of housing codes

(KNZA)--The Hiawatha City Commission Monday evening granted extensions for seven properties in violation of the city's minimum housing codes.

The Commission took the action after hearing from one of the property owners and Code Enforcement/building inspector Dave Wilson.

The Commission at their October 11 meeting had granted an extension until Monday's meeting for the properties.

Local resident Dean Tollefson, who owns a downtown building on the list at 113 South 6th Street, appeared before the Commission to request more time to bring his property into compliance. The Commission voted to grant Tollefson a six-month extension until June 13.

The Board voted to grant extensions for the other six properties until April 11. They are located at 507 Miami Street, 606 Kansas Avenue, 111 Navajo Street, 308 South 10th Street, 804 Kansas Avenue and 412 Miami Street.

In the meantime, the Commission plans to take action to have a garage removed from the property at 308 South 10th Street, saying it poses a safety concern.