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SECTION FOUR: The powers delegated by the Governing Body of the City of Wathena to The Wathena Housing Authority, from time to time, shall be by ordinance, and such powers shall vest in the Commissioners thereof in office from time to time. Three (3) Commissioners shall constitute a quorum of such Authority for the purpose of conducting its business and exercising its powers and for all other purposes, notwithstanding the existence of any vacancies. Action may be taken by the Authority upon a vote of a majority of the Commissioners present, unless in any case the Bylaws of the Authority shall require a larger number. Meetings of the Commissioners of an Authority may be held anywhere within the perimeter boundaries of the area of operation of the Authority or within any additional area where the Authority is authorized to undertake a project. Appointments may be made of any persons as Commissioners of the Authority who reside within its boundaries or area, and who are otherwise eligible for such appointment. The Commissioners of the Authority shall elect a chairman and vice chairman from among the Commissioners.

SECTION FIVE: For inefficiency or neglect of duty or misconduct in office, a Commissioner of The Wathena Housing Authority may be removed by the Mayor, but a Commissioner shall be removed only after a hearing and after he shall have been given a copy of the charges at least ten (10) days prior to the hearing and had an opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel. In the event of the removal of an Commissioner, a record of the proceedings, together with the charges and findings thereon, shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

SECTION SIX: The Wathena Housing Authority shall be, and hereby is, authorized to employ an Executive Director, technical experts, and such other officers, agents and employees, permanent and temporary, as it may require, and to delegate to one or more of its agents or employees such powers or duties as the Authority may deem proper.

SECTION SEVEN: The Wathena Housing Authority is hereby delegated the following powers and authority; (a) the power to plan, construct, maintain, operate and manage any low-rent housing project or project of the City of Wathena, Kansas, (b) the power to use and exercise any and all other powers and authority conferred on and granted to the City of Wathena, Kansas, by the Municipal Housing Law of the State of Kansas, as amended, without limitation through enumeration, excepting only the following: (1) the power to borrow money, (2) the power to issue bonds (as defined in the municipal housing law), (3) the power to acquire and dispose of real property (c) Such other powers and authority as may be delegated and assigned, from time to time hereafter, by ordinance, by the Governing Body of the City of Wathena, Kansas, to the Wathena Housing Authority or as may be authorized by the Municipal Housing Law of the State of Kansas.

SECTION EIGHT: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official city newspaper.

Passed by the Council and Approved by the Mayor on the 21st day of October, 1969.

Laurence Ramsel
Laurence Ramsel, Mayor
City of Wathena, Kansas

ATTEST:

Raymond Kirschbaum
Raymond Kirschbaum
City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)