

## Common Questions

## EMPORIA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA 2008 -2012

Q. Why did the Emporia City Commission designate the Neighborhood Revitalization target area (see map) for the tax rebate?

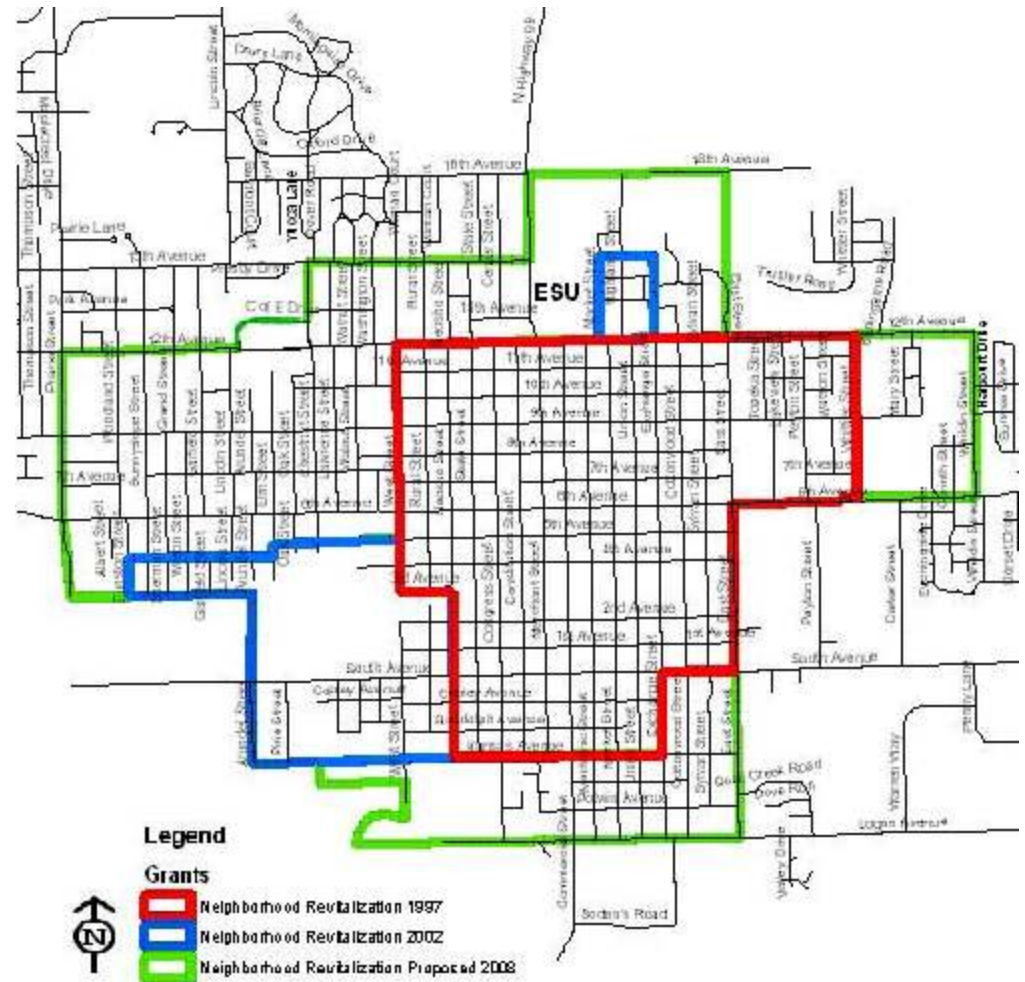
A. To encourage new construction and rehabilitation of housing and commercial properties in the downtown, original townsite area.

Q. How does the rebate work?

A. It is a refund of the property taxes which would otherwise be paid on the actual value added to a property due to a qualified improvement. The rebate only applies to the additional taxes resulting from the increase in assessed value on the property due to the improvement. All taxes relating to the assessed value on the property will continue to be paid to the County and the rebate will be paid back to the property owner after all taxes are collected and disbursements are made.

Q. What is a “qualified improvement”?

A. Qualified improvements include new construction, rehabilitation and additions. The improvements must be a minimum investment of \$5,000 on residential properties and \$10,000 on commercial properties. The improvements must conform with the City of Emporia’s land use and zoning ordinances and comply with other applicable codes, rules, and regulations.



In order to be eligible for the tax rebate, the property must be located in the designated revitalization area as shown on the map above.

**CITY OF EMPORIA  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
REVITALIZATION  
PROGRAM**

The City of Emporia is offering a Tax Rebate Program to citizens who make improvements to their property. The Program gives property owners within a designated area the opportunity to receive a rebate for 10 years on additional property taxes assessed as a result of property improvements.

Properties in the designated area eligible for the Revitalization Program include single family homes, multi-family homes, commercial, and historic register properties.

The Revitalization Program will go into effect January 1, 2008, so renovations or new construction projects begun on or after that date are eligible. Applications are available at the City Human Relations and Housing Offices and must be submitted within 30 days of receipt of a building permit. There is a one time application fee of \$25.00 which must accompany the application when it is submitted for approval.

Eligible classifications for the rebate, as well as, the rebate period and amount are as follows:

<b>Classification</b>	<b>Rebate Period and Amount</b>
Single Residential	95% for 7 years 50% for 3 years
Multi-Family Residential	95% for 5 years 50 % for 5 years
Commercial	80% for 3 years 65% for 3 years 50 % for 4 years
*Historic Registered Properties	100% for 10 years

\* To qualify as a Historic Register Property the residence or business must be on a State or Federal Register at the time of application.

Applications must be submitted to the Human Resources office, 515 Market, P.O. Box 928, Emporia, KS 66801. If you need further assistance or would like to have an application mailed to you, please call Patty Gilligan, Human Relations Director or Jeff Lynch, Housing Specialist at 620-342-5105.

**ATTENTION  
EMPORIA PROPERTY  
OWNERS**

You may be eligible to receive a



80% - 95%

**Property  
Tax Rebate**

on new construction, or the increase in taxes on improved properties!