

FURBEARER TRAPPING

For those who have worked in the housing industry you have likely received a resident phone call requesting that an unwanted animal get removed from their area of the property. For some, you let your pest control company know, for others, you likely have called animal control, but then there is also those who decide to take care of the problem in-house. Who doesn't have a maintenance person who would just love the mission of catching and removing an unwanted furry guest from the property? But what are the Kansas regulations in doing so?



In Kansas, furbearers that can be legally taken are badgers, bobcats, beavers, gray foxes, red foxes, swift foxes, minks, muskrats, opossums, raccoons, skunks, and weasels. The legal equipment that can be used to catch the animals include foothold traps, box traps, cage traps, and snares. If snares are used they must be outside of 50 feet from a public road or outside of 5 feet from a fence bordering a public road. All traps must be tagged with the user's name and address.

Furbearers may be taken at night, but use of artificial light, including optics that project or amplify light are prohibited. However, hand-held, battery-powered flashlights, hat lamps, or hand-held lanterns may be used to take trapped furbearers. Calls, lures, baits, and decoys are acceptable to use when attempting to trap furbearers.

So now you have the unwanted tenant trapped, what do you do now? If alive, take it to the country and set it free or you may also call animal control at that point. If the furbearer is deceased you should dispose of it in a manner which will not offend other people, such as burial or composing. Just remember when burying to bury it deep enough or else the dogs on your property will likely have you revisiting the situation. Live, wild caught furbearers may not be sold or purchased in Kansas.

The above information is just a general guide, for more detailed legal information please contact the Kansas Wildlife, Parks & Tourism Law Enforcement Division. Complete regulations may also be viewed and printed online.

TAX REFORM UPDATE

Last December 19, both the U.S. House and Senate were expected to pass the tax reform legislation and send it to the President for signature into law. The final legislation reflects

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changes made to reconcile different earlier versions of the bill passed in each chamber.



NAA is pleased that the priorities of the apartment housing industry were addressed in the final bill. The law retains business interest deductibility, the 1031 “like-kind” exchange and the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program. The new law slightly extends the depreciation period for multi-family buildings (27.5 years to 30 years), however, a new deduction of 20 percent is created for pass-through entities like those that dominate the apartment housing industry. Finally, carried interest will continue to be treated as a capital gain for assets held for at least 3 years.

The positive outcome for the apartment housing industry is due in large part to the engagement of you, your colleagues and citizen advocates around the country. The thousands of letters sent to Capitol Hill as part of the [Protect the Lease](#) campaign announced our priorities loud and clear. The impact of that advocacy is reflected in the final legislation.

FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM EXTENDED



Last month, Congress passed another short-term extension of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) as part of a larger funding package for the federal government. The reauthorization, which has been a key priority of the multifamily industry, provides a lifeline when Congress must once again renew the program.

NAA/NMHC worked aggressively over the past year to educate policy-makers about the importance of the NFIP and the unique role it plays in the multifamily industry. NAA/NMHC are once again urging Congressional leaders to take swift action to ensure the program does not lapse and will continue to work with Congress to ensure that the multifamily industry’s legislative priorities are included in whatever long-term reauthorization package becomes law.

NAA/NMHC believe that a long-term reauthorization and programmatic reforms are necessary to ensure the ability of the industry to manage flood risk and provide secure housing for many of the 39 million Americans who live in apartments.

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