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CITY OF KEARNEY **PRESS RELEASE** ***For Immediate Release***

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City of Kearney Has Lowest Municipal Property Tax Levy in Nebraska

An annual survey has recently released municipal property tax levies for 2015-2016, and Kearney has the lowest property tax levy among first class cities in the state. Cities are classified as first class if they have more than 5,000 population – outside of Lincoln and Omaha.

The City of Kearney has a property tax levy of .13736, or about 14¢ per \$100 of valuation. On a house valued at \$150,000 the City receives \$206 in property taxes. This is especially significant considering the scope and level of services provided in Kearney. “This shows the value of local government to residents, the services received – streets, parks, police, fire, library, and airport - are provided with a very low property tax burden”, said City Manager Michael Morgan.

Mayor Stan Clouse said, “The City Council is very proud of our city administration and employees for once again having one of the lowest municipal levies in the state. Kearney is always in the top two or three cities in this ranking and it is a tribute to the diligence and hard work of our City employees in managing day-to-day activities of our City while ensuring our quality of life in Kearney is not compromised”.

Below is a chart listing the property tax levies for all First Class Cities in Nebraska.

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**2015 Property Tax Levy
Nebraska First Class Cities**

City	Per \$100 of valuation
Kearney	0.13736
York	0.19048
Scottsbluff	0.21600
Norfolk	0.24667
Gering	0.29952
McCook	0.31904
Columbus	0.32519
Seward	0.33698
Fremont	0.34776
Beatrice	0.34777
Blair	0.35790
Lexington	0.36151
Grand Island	0.36875
Schuyler	0.36901
Alliance	0.37772
Wayne	0.39893
South Sioux City	0.39912
Holdrege	0.40597
Chadron	0.42252
Sidney	0.43579
North Platte	0.45054
Papillion	0.45192
Ogallala	0.45513
Hastings	0.45624
Nebraska City	0.46181
Plattsmouth	0.49186
Crete	0.52500
LaVista	0.55000
Ralston	0.60660
Bellevue	0.61000