

**76-1941. Contracts for single-family dwellings at Kansas soldiers' home; construction, standards; life estates.** (a) The director of the Kansas commission on [veterans] affairs office may enter into a written contract with any individual who is eligible for admission to the Kansas soldiers' home under K.S.A. 76-1908, and amendments thereto, to authorize the construction of a single-family dwelling for use as a home for such individual and such individual's family members on the real property of the Kansas soldiers' home in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office under this section. Each such dwelling shall be constructed and maintained: (1) At the expense of the individual entering into a contract with the director under this section, including any required sewer, water and utility connections; (2) at a location on the real property of the Kansas soldiers' home approved in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the director under this section; and (3) in accordance with the building design, construction and materials standards as authorized or prescribed by rules and regulations adopted by the director under this section.

(b) The director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office shall grant a life estate to each individual who enters into a contract under this section and who constructs a dwelling at the Kansas soldiers' home in accordance with this section and the rules and regulations adopted by the director under this section. The life estate shall be for the dwelling and the tract of real property that the dwelling is constructed on, as specified in the contract entered into under this section, for the life of the individual and the lives of such individual's family members who are residing in the dwelling. Each life estate granted by the director under this section shall be approved as to form and legality by the attorney general.

(c) At the end of each life estate granted under this section, the dwelling and real estate which is the subject of the life estate shall revert to the Kansas soldiers' home and such dwelling and real estate shall be used for housing of veterans and other eligible individuals admitted to the Kansas soldiers' home as provided by statute.

(d) The director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing policies and procedures for the construction and maintenance of single-family dwellings on the real estate of Kansas soldiers' home, prescribing building design, construction and materials standards for such dwellings, and for such other matters as may be required for the implementation and administration of this section. No rule and regulation shall be adopted by the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office under this subsection unless the director of the Kansas commission on veterans affairs office first has advised and consulted with the joint committee on state building construction and has presented such proposed rule and regulation to the joint committee on state building construction.

(e) As used in this section, "family members" includes the spouse of an individual who has entered into a contract under this section, the widow or widower of an individual who has entered into a contract under this section, and the mother, father or minor child of an individual who has entered into a contract under this section, if such mother, father or minor child is incapable of self-support because of physical disability.

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