

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING

Saturday, Feb. 21

Student Living Conditions:

Physical Plant: Adequate Fire Escapes and Fire Protection:

State Regulations from the Kansas Department of Inspections and Registration: "Every building....., where sleeping accommodations are furnished for pay, to transient or permanent guests, in which five or more rooms are used for the accommodation of such guests, but which does not maintain dining rooms or cafes in the same building.....shall for the purpose of this act be deemed a rooming house."

"Every building....., where food is served and sleeping accommodations are offered for pay, to transient guests, in which five or more rooms are used.....shall be for the purpose of this act deemed a hotel."

"It is hereby made the duty of the hotel commissioner to inspect, or cause to be inspected, at least once annually, every hotel, rooming house, apartment house, and restaurant in the State, and for that purpose he shall have the right of entry and access thereto, at any reasonable time."

Fire Escapes: "Every hotel, rooming house, apartment house, or restaurant in this State, which is over two stories in height shall be equipped with an iron or metallic fire escape or fire escapes on the outside of the building, connecting on each floor above the ground floor and to the cornice of the building with openings from each floor, which shall be well fastened and secured, with landings not less than six feet in length and three feet in width, guarded by an iron railing not less than thirty inches in height. Such landings shall be connected by iron fire escapes not less than two feet wide, with steps or stairs not less than six inches tread, and placed at an angle of not more than forty-five degrees. The way of egress to such fire escape shall at all times be kept free and clear of any and all obstructions of any and every nature. At every opening to every fire escape a red light shall be kept burning at night... ..and every hotel, rooming house and apartment house which is not absolutely fireproof shall keep a five-eighths-inch rope of sufficient length to reach the ground in each outside room, which rope is to be fastened near a window in a substantial manner and capable of sustaining at least five hundred pounds weight....."

Fire Extinguishers: Each and every hotel, rooming house, apartment house or restaurant, one, two, and three stories high, shall be provided with one fire extinguisher of a style and size approved by the national board of fire underwriters on each floor containing 2,500 square feet or less of floor area, and one additional fire extinguisher on each floor for each 2,500 feet or less of additional floor area. Such extinguishers shall be placed in public hallway.... and shall always be in condition for use."