## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OPEN RECORDS REMOVAL Disclaimer and Authorization Form County

K.S.A. 45-221 allows law-enforcement officers, judges, and prosecutors<sup>2</sup> to request exemption from open-record requests that potentially reveal an individual's home address. The Kansas Legislature intended to provide extra privacy and security for civil servants by adding privacy for at-risk civil servants. But there are consequences for consideration before making this request.

Though the open-record exemption is discretionary for counties, a complete removal of identifying information from such public access could hinder future property transactions. Because the open-record exemption is comprehensive, individuals who request the limitation on public access could find that this clouds their property titles. This could cause difficulties with home refinancing and sales. Further, there is no mechanism to reinstate the records if the law-enforcement officer, judge, or prosecutor leaves the employment position. Please keep this in mind if you choose to exempt your public records.

| Name:                               |  |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Signature acknowledging disclaimer: |  |
| Date:                               |  |
| Department:                         |  |
| Title:                              |  |
| Exempted Position from list below:  |  |
| Supervisor's Name:                  |  |
| Supervisor's Signature:             |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Prepared by the Kansas Association of Counties in September 2012. Please contact Nathan Eberline at eberline@kansascounties.org for inquiries or additional information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> K.S.A. 45-221(51) and K.S.A. 45-221(52) provide the comprehensive list of affected individuals. They include the following: parole officer, probation officer, court-services officer, community-correctional-services officer, federal judge, a justice of the supreme court, a judge of the court of appeals, a district judge, a district magistrate judge, the United States attorney for the district of Kansas, an assistant United States attorney, the attorney general, an assistant attorney general, a district attorney, county attorney, an assistant district attorney, or an assistant county attorney.