

### Ordinance

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probably have other friends' cars there too, Turek said.

Four unrelated students still could live together as long as they didn't agitate neighbors, Turek said. "If students handle it well and are considerate of where they park, they won't get complaints."

Once the housing department receives a complaint, inspectors go to the residence to verify the complaint, Turek said.

They will check license plates of the cars and see if they are all registered at that address, he said.

"Sometimes people have visitors, and the complaint would be unjustified."

If the cars are registered with a parent at students' permanent addresses, inspectors may need to go further, Turek said.

Inspectors check with landlords, and if the residents are all on the lease, the landlord goes to court and typically gets a \$100 fine, Turek said.

Steve Champoux, Forseth's landlord, said he was facing three court cases in which he had more than three unrelated people on his leases.

Champoux, who rents to about 200 students, said he didn't used to comply with the ordinance because

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**STEVE CHAMPOUX**  
landlord

he didn't know how strictly the city enforced it.

"I don't like it at all," he said. "I don't think it's fair, especially in a college town. It makes it hard on students."

Cities with smaller student populations, such as Omaha and Fremont, allow more unrelated people to live together than Lincoln, Champoux said.

His tenants don't cause an overcrowding problem, and some don't even have cars to congest the streets, he said.

The ordinance caused problems for students trying to find housing on a limited budget, he said, because dividing rent saves money.

Champoux said students preferred his duplexes over residence halls, greek houses and run-down, older houses downtown.

"We're providing good affordable housing and getting penalized

for it," he said.

Champoux said he could face a court injunction stipulating that any other violations of the ordinance could bring further fines and jail time.

He said he would comply with the ordinance but was concerned about tenants who brought in more roommates after the lease was written.

Turek said if the landlord were not aware the tenants were violating the ordinance, the management would not be liable. Instead, inspectors would try to get a court order to make some of the tenants move out.

"Frankly, it's a tough one to prove," Turek said. "The problem is, you have to prove a person is living there, not just visiting."

Inspectors will get a warrant to search a house and find visible proof, such as mail, to convince the court the tenants are in violation, he said.

If the tenants are students, inspectors will check university records to see what address the students use, Turek said.

Usually, tenants and landlords will comply when the housing department tells them about the violation.

"Most of them don't know, and most don't require legal action."

### Bombing

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on equipment like the machines in Lincoln.

In Nebraska, \$2.3 million has been spent in the 13 buildings across the state, he said.

Federal workers don't seem worried about the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing on Friday.

"There's always some people that worry about everything that happens," Avary said. "But the majority don't have that general paranoia."

As the anniversary approaches, Avary said no extra security measures would be taken.

"The best thing is just to be prepared every day," Avary said.

"We'll be keeping our eyes open.

We'll have the same security on April 19 as we have on the 18th and the 20th."

Public buildings are more likely to get bomb threats when bombings are in the news, Avary said. The Oklahoma bombing prompted calls in Lincoln and Omaha around that time, but nothing ever came of them, Avary said.

Avary said federal workers were prepared for some attention to be drawn by the anniversary.

"As soon as April 19 hits again, with the kind of coverage we expect to see in the national news about the bombing, we'll probably get a few phone calls," Avary said. "Potentially bomb threats."

"We're as safe as anyone can be, but with the anniversary coming up, we will be more alert."

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