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A Lofty Move in KCK: Wyandotte County Housing

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An adventurous renter can soon live in luxury in what used to be the Kansas City, Kan., women's jail. The space is being converted into two penthouse suits in the city's first downtown loft development.

City Vision Ministries, a nonprofit builder with an abiding faith in Kansas City, Kan., has converted the old City Hall building at 6th Street and Ann Avenue into 43 apartments.

It remains to be seen whether the project will generate more development. The immediate neighborhood needs shopping and other amenities.

Builders have restored the deteriorating building, which was the hub of city government from 1911 to 1983. And the apartments present an opportunity for stylish urban living at an affordable price; units will rent from \$400 to \$1,000 a month.

Western Wyandotte County has been recognized for recent growth in its suburban neighborhoods. City Vision Ministries should be applauded for its bold step toward a housing revival in the inner city.