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PRESS RELEASE

Papillion Named the Third Best Place to Live in America by Money Magazine

PAPILLION, Neb., July 13, 2009 – The City of Papillion has been recognized as one of the best places to live in America. In their annual “Best Places to Live” review, Money magazine ranked Papillion #3.

Papillion has been recognized in the Money review before, ranking 23rd in 2005 and 6th in 2007. The review alternates from large cities to smaller communities (less than 50,000 residents) every other year. Placing third is an exciting honor for the City.

“This is a fantastic recognition for our community,” said Acting Mayor David Black. “This confirms what our residents have known for a long time. Papillion is a very special place to live.”

Black said the credit for the award can be spread throughout the community. “Our elected officials, City staff, community partners and residents all played a part in our receiving this ranking. I’m especially proud of the City’s staff of professionals who serve our residents every day. They work to make Papillion a wonderful place.”

Money magazine considered a number of factors in their review, including economic opportunity, quality-of-life, schools, diversity and arts and entertainment. Papillion’s low unemployment, high quality affordable housing, high quality of life, and very low crime rate set it apart from other communities across in the country.

The review started with more than 2,000 communities nationwide, and was whittled it to a list of 100 that will appear in the magazine. Papillion was also the only community in a 6 state region – Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, Kansas and Oklahoma - to be ranked in the top 25.

The rankings are a result of a 4-week process that includes a thorough review of vital city statistics, visits from Money magazine reporters and photographers, interviews with residents, community leaders and business owners, and responding several follow up requests for information.

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