## PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD

he Matter of the LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION OF FIREFIGHTERS

Petitioner,

and

CITY OF LAWRENCE, KANSAS

Respondent

UDC 1-1976

## ORDER DISMISSING PETITION

On January 14, 1976, a petition for unit determination and certification of certain employees of the City of Lawrence, Kansas, was filed by Mr. Arnold Berman, Attorney for the Lawrence Association of Firefighters, Lawrence, Kansas.

A letter dated January 22, 1976 under signature of Mr. Buford M. Watson, Jr., City Manager of Lawrence, Kansas, stating that the City Commission of Lawrence, Kansas, elected <u>not</u> to bring the public employer under the provisions of the Public Employer-Employee Relations Act pursuant to K.S.A. 75-Supp. 75-4321(c), received by PERB office.

In light of prior Public Employee Relations Board decisions - specifically UDC 3-1975 and CAE 6-1975 - the Board finds that: "The Public Employee Relations Board has no jurisdiction in this matter until such time as the City Commission of Lawrence, Kansas, elects, by majority vote of all members, to bring the public employer under the provisions of the Public Employer-Employee Relations Act."

THE PETITION FOR UNIT DETERMINATION AND CERTIFICATION IS DISMISSED. ORDERED this 1/72/ day of

Thatcher, Chairman, PERB

Phyllis Burgess, Member, PERB

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