

40-3903. Counties; payment of proceeds of fire insurance policies; procedure; release of proceeds. (a) The governing body of any county is hereby authorized to establish, by resolution, a procedure for the payment of not to exceed 15% of the proceeds of any insurance policy based upon a covered claim payment made for damage or loss to a building or other structure, caused by or arising out of any fire, explosion or windstorm. The resolution shall not apply to cities which have adopted an ordinance under the provisions of K.S.A. 40-3901, and amendments thereto. The resolution shall apply only to a covered claim payment which is in excess of 75% of the face value of the policy covering a building or other insured structure.

(b) The insurer first shall pay all amounts due the holder of a first real estate mortgage against the building or other structure pursuant to the terms of the policy and endorsements thereto and then shall withhold from the covered claim payment of the sum not to exceed the amount authorized pursuant to subsection (a) and shall pay such moneys to the county to deposit into an interest-bearing account, unless the city has issued a certificate pursuant to K.S.A. 40-3906, and amendments thereto.

(c) The county shall release the insured's proceeds and any interest which has accrued on such proceeds received under subsection (b) within 30 days after receipt of such moneys, unless the county has instituted legal proceedings, using the procedure under K.S.A. 12-1752, and amendments thereto, insofar as the same can be made applicable. If the county has instituted legal proceedings, all moneys in excess of that necessary for the removal of the building or structure, less salvage value, shall be paid to the insured.

History: L. 1982, ch. 192, § 4; L. 1997, ch. 102, § 3; July 1.