



# CITY OF RAPID CITY

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Legal & Finance

FROM: Barbara Garcia, Community Development Specialist  
for Scott Engmann with Habitat for Humanity

DATE: April 23, 2008

RE: Habitat for Humanity Request to Waive City Assessments on  
710 Blaine Ave. in the amounts of  
#59470 - \$ 3,812.33 plus interest;  
#59471 - \$ 3,812.34 plus interest;  
#59509 - \$ 122.33 plus interest; and  
#59510 - \$ 122.33 plus interest

Habitat for Humanity is seeking to purchase the property located at 710 Blaine Avenue, Rapid City, SD from Ramona Esquivel and seeks City Council approval to waive assessment fees from the City ordered demolition of the home. The assessments total \$7,869.33 plus interest. (see attached letter)

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit organization that provides 0% interest loans to low-income people living in substandard conditions for the purchase of a home built by supervised volunteers. Habitat homeowners are required to provide 400 hours of "sweat equity" towards the purchase of their home.

The purchase of this property would allow Habitat to provide 1 or 2 new homes to qualified homebuyers and return the property to developed land tax rolls and prevent the lot from becoming a blighted property. Habitat for Humanity will seek to subdivide the property into 2 lots for construction of 2 Habitat homes for families earning between 30% and 60% of the area median income.

**Recommendation:** Council approval of a waiver for the City demolition and clean-up assessments # 59470, 59741, 59509, and 59510 in the amount of \$7,869.33 plus any interest accrued.



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