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To: Garcia Barbara
Subject: 710 Blaine Ave

Barb,

As we discussed last week, the Black Hills Area Habitat is purchasing lots 20&21 on 710 Blaine Ave, which is known as the former "cat house" lot. As you know, these lots are vacant and not producing tax revenue for our city as the current owner is unable to pay and indeed her taxes are overdue back to 2005 I believe.

The City of Rapid City has an assessment against the property for which we would like to request relief from the City Council in order to assist Habitat create one more simple, decent home! We are trying to maximize the usage of our anticipated CDBG allocation, as well as our community member donations, so reducing any back fee's associated with the actions of a prior property owner would be greatly beneficial to another Habitat family.

The assessments are the following:

1. #59470 \$3,812.33 plus interest
2. #59471 \$3,812.34 plus interest
3. #59509 \$122.33 plus interest
4. #59510 \$122.33 plus interest

Estimated total \$7,868

Habitat's goal is build another 4 bedroom home that will house another working family earning between 30% and 60% of our median income! We are considering a twin 3 bedroom home provided set-back variances could be secured.

Keep in mind that another Habitat home will result in a responsible homeowner paying taxes estimated at \$1,400.

In total, Habitat homes in Pennington County have resulted in nearly \$50,000 in property taxes on an annual basis, plus a couple million in materials and contracts procured through local businesses.

Any assistance the City can provide Habitat will be greatly appreciated and shared with our constituency.

Sincerely,

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