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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Public Works Committee

FROM: Brad Solon, Building Official

**DATE:** January 25, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Russell Puckett, Medicine Root Development

Russell Puckett, Medicine Root Development, applied for a house moving permit on January 25, 2007 that was denied due to City Ordinance violations related to the moving of a house into Pinedale Heights in January 2007. Rapid City Municipal Code 15.08.060 allows the Building Official to deny a moving permit to any house mover who has failed to comply with the provisions of any other moving permits.

Moving permit 2007CIBP0007 was issued to licensed house mover Russell Puckett, Medicine Root Development, Kyle, SD on January 3, 2007. The moving permit was associated with a building permit for the house to be constructed at 5201 Pinedale Heights Drive in Rapid City. During the move the house mover broke branches off trees, used chain saws to remove branches or trim trees, and let the house stand still in the public right-of-way blocking West Main Street over night. The removal of branches or trimming of trees is not allowed (RCMC 15.08.030). Also, a building shall not stand still in the public right-of-way without prior approval (RCMC 15.08.040).

The applicant failed to comply with the restrictions set forth for house moving during a previous move. This is a concern that future house moves will be conducted in the same manner. The unnecessary cutting of trees and blocking public streets can be avoided. The applicant has appealed the denial of the moving permit to City Council.

**Staff Recommendation:** Staff recommends denial of the moving permit to Russell Puckett, Medicine Root Development, for the remaining buildings intended to be moved to 5201 Pinedale Heights in Rapid City.

