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Timothy Huey Director

C. Ray Wierson, County Administrator To:

From: Timothy Huey, Planning Director

Date: July 29, 2008

Approval of setting August 21, 2008 for a public hearing on the requests for transfer Re:

of County tax deed properties to certain non-profit community based agencies.

County policy on the disposal of tax deed properties states that prior to offering such properties at public auction the county may transfer such properties to the city, school district or a community based non-profit agency following a public hearing to take comments on the requests.

The Vera French Housing and Habitat for Humanity have submitted requests to acquire certain County Tax Deed properties all located within the City of Davenport. The required time for the prior owners of the property to redeem the property by paying the back taxes due has expired. County policy on the disposal of tax deed properties states that prior to offering such properties for sale at a public auction the County shall offer them to the city and school district in which they are located or any community based non profit agency if they can show how those properties will benefit a community program or serve a public good. The property then may be transferred to the city, school district or non profit agency if the Board of Supervisors determines such transfers are in the best interest of County residents.

Copies of the letters received from these community based non-profit agencies and the plats of the properties are attached.

Staff would recommend that a public hearing be held on these requests on August 21, 2008.



HOUSING CORPORATION June 23, 2008

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Scott County Planning and Development Attn: Tim Huey Annex Building 500 W. 4th St. Davenport, IA 52801-1106

RE: Transfer of Property Parcel #D0061-46

Dear Mr. Huey,

Vera French Housing Corporation, a 501(c)(3) non profit agency purchased the single family home located at 2304 E. Locust Street, Davenport in April, 1999. The Housing Corporation has renovated this property which is currently being used as a part of Vera French's Supported Housing Program. We are requesting the transfer of the above mentioned parcel to Vera French Housing Corporation. This parcel is directly adjacent to the west property line of the house that we own. This additional 10' X 150' of land will provide us with one contiguous lot that borders Bell Avenue. Since acquiring the property at 2312 and 2304 E. Locust, we have cut the grass, removed snow, and performed general maintenance on the 10' X 150' lot.

The County's willingness to consider the transfer of this parcel to Vera French Housing Corporation would be most appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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July 18, 2008

Timothy Huey, Director Scott County Planning and Development 518 W. Fourth St. Davenport, IA. 52801-1106

Re: Request for Tax Deed Property

Habitat for Humanity, Quad Cities, is interested in parcels listed on the tax deed properties issued by your office. Habitat would like to build new single family homes on these lots in Davenport, la. for working low income families.

Parcel E 0003-22A

1708 Christie St., Davenport

Parcel F 0008-03 and 04

1610 Eastern Ave., Davenport

Parcel F 0008-08

1718 Eastern Ave., Davenport

As in the past, we would anticipate that liens and special assessments will be forgiven. The lots, if transferred successfully would be used for building low income homes for partner families.

Habitat has established a history for getting vacant lots back on the tax rolls as qualified families are approved.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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Site Selection, Chairman (home phone) 563 - 332-4743

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Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity Quad Cities

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