

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 97-555
NOVEMBER 17, 1997 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:

**STRUCTURAL REMOVAL CONTRACT-
GARAGE AT 2008 LEYNER**

SUBMITTED BY:

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SYNOPSIS –

On the November 17, 1997, City Council agenda is a request for approval of a structural removal contract to sell the garage located at 2008 Leyner Street to Joel Lambert for \$1 for the purpose of moving it to 756 - 20th Street in the Sherman Hill Historic District.

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval of structural removal contract.

BACKGROUND –

On May 19, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-1849, the City purchased 2008 Leyner as right-of-way for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway (MLK). The property is located south of the freeway and across from Woodland Cemetery. The Engineering and Community Development Departments have been working to develop a moving plan for this house and also a house located at 835 MLK purchased later in the summer. This was a requirement of the Memorandum of Agreement effecting historic properties developed as a part of MLK.

On September 13, 1997, an advertisement was placed in the *Des Moines Register* stating that 2008 Leyner and 835 MLK properties were available for move and an open house would be held in the structures on September 20, 1997. An information packet and criteria for submitting a proposal to move the structures was available at that open house. The Sherman Hill and Woodland Heights Neighborhood Associations and Des Moines Neighbors were notified of the

open houses, as well as the City' s Neighborhood Revitalization Board.

Proposals have been received on each of the houses, and staff is working with those developing the proposals to develop structural removal contracts.

The structural removal contract involves moving a small garage behind 2008 Leyner one-half block to 756 - 20th Street in the Sherman Hill Historic District. The proposal received approval of the City' s Historic District Commission at its October 15, 1997 meeting. The owner will be required to obtain a moving permit from the Traffic and Transportation Division and a building permit from the Permit and Development Center.

Previous structural removal contracts have required an \$800 damage deposit to the City for reimbursement at the time the move is completed and the site cleaned up. Because of the small size of the garage, the short move, and the historic nature of the garage, staff is recommending that only a \$300 deposit be required.