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June 21, 2016

Legal and Finance Committee
City Finance Office
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701-5035

Re: Request for Removal or Reduction of Special Assessment on 140 Doolittle Street property

Members of Legal and Finance Committee,

Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity would appreciate your consideration of the removal or reduction of special assessments on the property located at 140 Doolittle Street. Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity purchased the property in 2013 and have been working toward building an affordable home for a hardworking single mother with six children. Our plan is to start work on the foundation for this home during July.

This property has a number of old city assessments attached to it which will affect our ability to maintain the affordability of the home for the family.

The assessments date back to 2005 and 2006. Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity is respectfully requesting your consideration of the removal or a reduction of these assessments. The assessments on the property total \$17,180.97. This includes 1 assessment dating back to 2005 in the amount of \$7626.45 plus \$7753.56 in interest, an assessment from 2006 in the amount of \$725.98 plus \$665.48 in interest and a miscellaneous cost assessment from 2005 in the amount of \$400.

Since the time Habitat took ownership of the property, taxes have been paid and the property is being maintained in preparation for building. The property also had county assistance liens attached to it which have recently been removed by the Pennington County Commissioners in order to keep the property available for affordable housing.

Thank you for your consideration and the work you do for our community.

Respectfully,

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