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UNIVERSITY OF IOWA BUILDING DEMOLITIONS

Action Requested: Consider approving the demolition of buildings at the following locations:

- a) Oakdale Duplexes, 2220 Crosspark Rd, UI Oakdale Campus.
- b) 711 Melrose Ave, Iowa City, IA
- c) 15 Melrose Place, Iowa City, IA

(ROLL CALL VOTE)

Executive Summary: The University requests approval to remove three University-owned duplexes located at 2220 Crosspark Road on the Oakdale Research campus, a house located at 711 Melrose Avenue, and a small house located at 15 Melrose Place. See Attachments A, B, and C for maps of the locations.

Oakdale Duplexes, 2220 Crosspark Rd, UI Oakdale Campus

The University seeks Board approval to raze three University-owned duplexes located at 2220 Crosspark Road. The duplexes, which have been used to house faculty, staff, and visiting scholars at the Oakdale campus since the 1960s, are unoccupied two-thirds of the year because the scholars want to reside closer to the main University campus. The facilities no longer serve the program needs and are in need of new furnaces, central air units, and furnishings. The buildings are beyond their useful life and deferred maintenance costs do not justify their continued use. The area would be returned to green space.

The cost of demolition will be paid from Treasury Temporary Investment (TTI) funds.

711 Melrose Ave, Iowa City, IA

The University seeks Board approval to raze 711 Melrose Avenue as part of the Melrose Avenue Surface Parking Lot project. At the December, 2011 Board of Regents meeting, the University requested and received permission to raze the tenant properties at 1-8 Melrose Place to make way for the construction of a new surface parking lot across from UIHC. At that time, it was thought the University could design the parking lot without the need to remove the 711 Melrose Avenue residence. After extensive consultation with the design professionals and City of Iowa City staff, it has been determined that the 711 Melrose Avenue residence will need to be razed to allow for appropriate ingress and egress to the new surface parking lot. The barn in the back of the property will either remain at its current location, or be moved to some other appropriate location depending on the final design of the parking lot.

The property, built in 1910, is located in the western section of the Melrose Historic District, but the 711 Melrose property is not designated a "key property" within the district, and is not listed on the National Register. If the University were a private entity, it would not need any special permission or historic review from the City to raze the building. City officials do not consider the home to have historic significance. The home has been used for many years as rental property to students, and has not been maintained as a historic property.

The University has been leasing back this property to the previous owners. The University has notified the tenants and renters it is terminating its lease in accordance with the terms of the lease agreement. The current renters will either be allowed to remain in the home until the end

of their existing lease (July 27th), or the University will make alternate arrangements with them in order to have the premises vacated before the end of July.

Funding for the Melrose Avenue Surface Parking Lot project is from Parking Enterprise earnings with cash contributions from UIHC to the Parking System to cover a portion of the project costs; and Treasurer's Temporary Investment income.

15 Melrose Place, Iowa City, IA

The University requests Board approval to raze a 408 square foot home at 15 Melrose Place. The University has used this small house, constructed in 1950, as a rental property. The facility is currently vacant. The house has outlived its economic use and has significant deferred maintenance.

The cost of demolition will be paid from Treasury Temporary Investment (TTI) funds.

Approval of the demolitions is requested in accordance with Iowa Code Iowa Code §262.11 and the Board's Policy Manual Chapter 9.02 which requires the Board to approve the disposal of buildings with an estimated value of \$10,000 or more; the University has indicated that the value of each structure exceeds this amount.

Additional information is available from the Board Office.





