

TO: CITY MANAGER

1998 SEPTEMBER 29

FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING AND BUILDING

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR DEMOLITION OF VACANT BUILDINGS ON ELEVENTH AVENUE PRIOR TO THIRD READING OF THE REZONING BYLAW - REZONING REFERENCE #35/97**

PURPOSE: To seek Council authority to permit the demolition of buildings on the southeast side of the 8200 Block on Eleventh Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. **THAT** Council approve the alteration of the prerequisite to Rezoning Reference #35/97 to allow permits for the demolition of the existing buildings to be issued prior to Third Reading of the rezoning bylaw.

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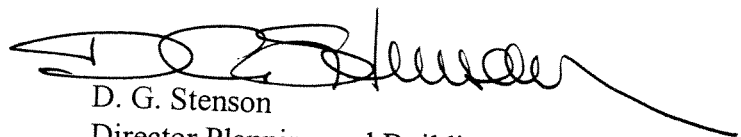
BACKGROUND:

On 1998 May 04, Council granted Second Reading to the application from the architects for the New Vista Housing Society, who have made application to rezone the site in order to construct 38 townhouse units as a second phase on lands on the southeast side of the 8200 block Eleventh Avenue.

One of the standard prerequisites to the rezoning (Item d) is that the buildings on the site will not be demolished prior to Third Reading of the Rezoning Bylaw.

The Society has written to the City requesting that they be permitted to obtain demolition permits in advance of Third Reading as the three buildings are vacant and are at risk of being damaged by fire or vandalism. The Society advises that they have found alternate accommodation for all the tenants.

Under the circumstances, staff concur with this request as there is potential for damage and vandalism to the buildings which have been vacated.


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