



October 2, 2006

Victor Torres  
Director of Neighborhood Resources  
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RE: Demolition of Ancillary Structure Located at 1144 Rhode Island

Dear Victor:

The Lawrence Historic Resources Commission (HRC) at their meeting on September 21, 2006 approved the demolition request by Neighborhood Resources for the Ancillary Structure located at 1144 Rhode Island Street. The approval was based upon the determination by Neighborhood Resources that the structure is severely damaged and "is an immediate safety concern."

Demolition of historic structures is rarely positive for a neighborhood because it destroys the relationships between the structures, landscape features and open space and as a result the overall character of the area is diminished. When possible, the Historic Resources Commission prefers rehabilitation to retain structures; however, Neighborhood Resources has submitted documentation that identifies significant structural damage in the subject structure. While the subject structure is a contributing property to the North Rhode Island Historic District, rehabilitation of the structure would likely result in such a loss of historic fabric that the contributing status of the structure would be lost.

This letter shall serve as the release document to the Code Enforcement Division. Any new construction on this site will require review by the Historic Resources Commission. Should the plans for this project change, you must notify the Planning Office prior to any permit related activity.

On behalf of the City of Lawrence and the Historic Resources Commission, I would like to thank you for your cooperation. If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me (832-3151).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynne Braddock Zollner".

Lynne Braddock Zollner  
Historic Resources Administrator

Cc: Historic Resources Commission