



June 03, 2008

Lawrence City Commission
City Hall, 6 E. 6th St., P.O. Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044-0708

RE: 1232 Louisiana - Proposed Demolition – Appeal Request

Mayor Dever and Commission Members:

The Oread Neighborhood Association opposes the applicant's proposal to raze the structure located at 1232 Louisiana, Lawrence, Kansas. It is the neighborhood's preference to preserve existing housing stock. The neighborhood has the following comments / concerns about the demolition appeal request:

- The demolition of 1232 Louisiana should not be approved without plans and a building permit for a replacement structure, consistent with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation guidelines that the Historic Resources Commission adheres to.
- Leaving a void created by the removal of 1232 Louisiana near the center of the 1200 block of Louisiana could encourage others who own property on this block to apply for demolition of their properties, particularly if they have not addressed their own structural and blight issues.
- New construction that does not meet current parking requirements should not be allowed following a demolition of an existing property.

The neighborhood association can be contacted via the Coordinator's e-mail address at jodi@sunflower.com or by phone 842-5440.

Sincerely,

Jerry Stubbs
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