



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing and Members of the City Council  
**FROM:** William R. Gray, Public Works Director  
Barbara Stiehl, Assistant to the Director  
**DATE:** September 18, 2008  
**RE:** MUMFORD FARM HOUSE MOVE

The Public Works Department received a house moving application from the University of Illinois to move a structure from 1403 West Lorado Taft Drive to the southwest corner of Race Street and Windsor Road. Both locations are located on University of Illinois property. The proposed route would be to move the structure east across University property to Dorner Drive. The structure would move south on Dorner Drive, then travel east on Pennsylvania Avenue to Lincoln Avenue. From there the structure would travel south on Lincoln Avenue to Windsor Road then head east on Windsor Road and cross to the south onto University property to reach its final location. The University plans to open a visitor's center at that location. Presently, the Mumford horse barn and chicken coop have been moved to the location, which is slightly west of the southwest corner of Race Street and Windsor Road.

There are no tree conflicts with City-owned trees. Even though there are no conflicts with City-owned trees, the City Arborist will review the proposed route. He has recommended that a certified arborist be on site at the time of the house move. There are traffic signal conflicts at Pennsylvania Avenue and Lincoln Avenue; Florida Avenue and Lincoln Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue and Windsor. In addition, there are conflicts with streetlight poles on Lincoln Avenue between Pennsylvania Avenue and Florida Avenue. The University of Illinois will reimburse the City for the cost of moving and reinstalling those appurtenances.

The City has been in contact with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency. They are reviewing the planned move and have stated that they will contact us soon about any further information needed by the University before the move can occur.

City ordinance requires that all property owners within 250 feet of the proposed relocation of the structure be notified by mail of the Council meeting. Since the structure will be located within University-owned property, there are no property owners within the 250 feet. The City sent information notices to the Urbana Park District, Clark-Lindsey Retirement Village and the Stone Creek Church as a courtesy.

The move is planned to occur on Monday, October 13, weather permitting.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend authorization by motion for the Director of Public Works to issue a house moving permit upon satisfactory submission of all required items.

Attachments

## MUMFORD HOUSE



View of Mumford House looking south. (Buell Hall is to the far right.)



Mumford House looking to the north. (Foellinger Auditorium is in the far right.)