

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

**From:** The City Manager

**Subject:** Saginaw Habitat for Humanity Deconstruction Agreement

**Manager's Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Agreement with Saginaw Habitat for Humanity (SHFH) be approved and that the City Manager be authorized to sign the document. The Agreement has been approved by the City Manager as to substance and the City Attorney as to form.

**Justification:**

As part of its Blight Elimination Program, the Michigan State Housing and Development Authority (MSHDA) requires the City of Saginaw (City) to develop and implement a "Deconstruction Program." The City submitted a proposed program to MSHDA that was looked upon very favorably. Due to the City's limited resources, it requested that MSHDA fund a full-time employee to manage the deconstruction program for a period of two years. MSHDA recently approved a grant in the amount of \$135,000.00 to fund the program.

The City met with SHFH to discuss the feasibility of a partnership. Staff determined that SHFH's experience and current operations will put the City at an advantage in the development and implementation of the deconstruction program. Specifically, SHFH has experience in deconstruction, a broad base of experience with volunteers and currently operates a retail outlet for salvaged building materials. SHFH has agreed to hire a full-time employee to develop and implement a deconstruction program on behalf of the City. However, the City will maintain oversight of the program and be involved in making decisions related to the development of the program.

**Council Action:**

Council \_\_\_\_\_ moved that the recommendation from the City Manager be approved.