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Department of Planning & Housing

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Department of Planning and Housing

DATE: September 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Request to Amend the Agreement with William C. Page for Preparation of the 2008 Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan to Allow a Time Extension for the Date of Completion.

A request has been received from William C. Page, the consultant hired by the City of Ames to prepare the 2008 Ames Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan, to amend the Agreement for this project to extend the date of project completion from October 1, 2008 to December 15, 2008. Formal action is required by the City Council to amend the Agreement for the purpose of granting the time extension.

A letter from Mr. Page is attached explaining the need for more time to complete the public education component of the project. City staff is in support of Mr. Page's request and recommends that the City Council grant the time extension for project completion to December 15, 2008.

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September 17, 2008

Honorable Ann Campbell & City Council Members
City of Ames
City Hall
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Re: 2008 Ames Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan

Dear Ms Campbell and Members of the City Council:

This writing requests an extension to complete the above referenced project. Our contract for this work calls for its completion on October 1, 2008 or before.

It has become clear that more time is necessary to complete the public education component of this project. One meeting last month drew about 36 business leaders from downtown Ames to a workshop in the Ames Public Library, where a number of matters—including the use of federal and state tax credits for historic preservation—were discussed. Education such as this is invaluable for preservation planning in Ames but takes time to plan and accomplish.

For this reason, I respectfully request that you extend the completion date of this project from October 1, 2008 to December 15, 2008. Please note that the grant from the State Historical Society of Iowa, which funds this project, permits this extension.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s/ William C. Page
Public Historian