

Third Habitat home may be built in Kings Mountain

A third Habit for Humanity may soon go up in Kings Mountain on Cooke Circle but with restrictions by the city on the kind of house to be built.

City Council Tuesday conveyed a deed for property to Cleveland County Habitat for Humanity but stipulated that the new dwelling be brick veneered, at least 1200 square feet which could include a carport, and be similar to other homes in that area.

"I am all for Habitat for Humanity but I am concerned that property values will decrease on Cooke Circle unless new homes are built up to the same standards of the present property," said Councilman Phil Hager.

Other Council members agreed with the stipulation and Milfred Smith, Habitat representative, said there would be no problem with the stipulation. Smith said that Habitat usually builds a home of

about 1,000 square feet and asked if the new home could be constructed to "blend in with others in the neighborhood."

Hager objected, saying blending could include a combination of vinyl siding and wood, for instance, and he held out for stipulations in the contract that called for brick veneer and 1200 square feet of floor space.

Habitat has put up two other

dwellings on North Tracy Street on lots owned by the city to increase the availability of affordable single family dwellings for persons of low to moderate income levels.

Mayor Scott Neisler, a director on the Habitat board, said the city's participation in Habitat "is a bright spot for our town and the two families who now live in the two homes on North Tracy are good solid citizens."

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Rhea new Human Resources Director

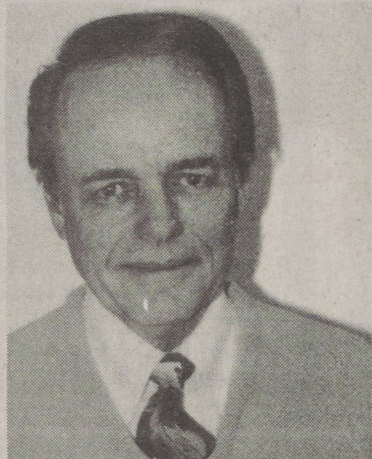
James E. "Bud" Rhea Jr. was hired Monday as the City of Kings Mountain's Human Resources Director at annual salary of \$41,408.

Rhea, who served as personnel director at Reeves Brothers Inc. in Bessemer City for 26 years, said he is looking forward to working with the 160-plus employees of the city in all aspects of human resources.

"We welcome Bud to Kings Mountain," said City Manager Gary Hicks, who said Rhea's varied experience in industry qualifies him for all phases of his new personnel job which will include the city's pay plan, insurance and benefits and the city's safety program.

"Bud was the most qualified among those applying for the position," Hicks said.

A native of Kings Mountain, Rhea is the son of Mrs. Madge Rhea and the late City Commissioner Zip Rhea. A graduate of Kings Mountain High School, he attended Western Carolina University and worked for six years at Craftsman Yarns after he came out of service with the



BUD RHEA

U. S. Coast Guard.

He is married to the former Maxine Eubanks of Kings Mountain, a Kings Mountain National Military Park ranger. They have four children, Scott Rhea of Oxford, Monte Rhea and Stacey Rhea, both of Kings Mountain, and Julie Turner of Fayetteville; and one grandson, Dane Rhea.

The family is active in Central United Methodist Church.



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