

## **TC Prez Says Dorm Deserves Exemption**

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WTC's new dorm in downtown La Crosse isn't owned by the college. Not yet. The building is privately owned on private property. That's why the city says the tech school needs to pay up for property taxes on the \$8 million building. Leading to problem number one, says TC president Lee Rasch; the university can't legally pay property taxes and so that burden would fall on the students who live in the dorm. But, Rasch also contends that the dorm is operated like a college program and so should be exempt from taxes. That dispute goes to the city council next month. Nearly a quarter million in property tax dollars is at stake in that dispute.