


**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-069
FEBRUARY 19, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	PREPARED BY:	SUBMITTED BY:
SPECIFIED CRIME ORDINANCE AMENDMENT	RESOLUTION ◆ ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM MOULDER POLICE CHIEF	 ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER

SYNOPSIS —

Amendment of the Specified Crime Ordinance to include the real property upon which a structure is situated. Additionally, possession of a controlled substance is included as a violation.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the ordinance amendment.

BACKGROUND —

The existing ordinance included terminology for the structure and did not consider the land under structures such as mobile homes. When the owner of the land and structure were the same, responsibility for abatement was readily defined.

The Specified Crime Property Ordinance has proven invaluable in fighting the Des Moines drug epidemic. These additions would cause the responsibility to fall not only onto the owner of a mobile home, but also the landlord who rents real property to the violator.

The addition of the word possession will better define the intent of the original purpose of the ordinance.