

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-203
MAY 20, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
28 AGREEMENT WITH DALLAS COUNTY FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RESPONSE	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	CHARLES MORGAN FIRE CHIEF

SYNOPSIS —

In January of 1995, the City Council approved a plan to regionalize the services of the Fire Department's Hazardous Materials Team. Since that time, agreements have been signed by Warren, Marion, Boone, Story, and Marshall Counties. The City has been party to an agreement with Polk County since 1988. Dallas County has signed an identical 28E Agreement and would like the services of the Haz Mat Team.

FISCAL IMPACT —

Each County participating in the regionalized Hazardous Materials Program contributes an annual readiness fee of \$13,072 to the City regardless of whether a response is ever made. If a response is made, the requesting County will be charged the full cost of the response, which will approximate \$3,500 per incident. Dallas County has agreed to these terms.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the 28E Agreement with Dallas County.

BACKGROUND —

The City has entered into 28E Agreements with Warren, Marion, Story, Boone, and Marshall Counties. The agreements with Warren and Story Counties have been in effect approximately one year and have resulted in one request for response. Agreements with Boone, Story, and Marshall Counties have existed since late 1995 and have resulted in only one request for response. As projected, the agreements have not resulted in numerous requests for service and do not constitute a burden on Fire Department response.

A similar agreement with Polk County is seven years old and provides for total reimbursement of operating costs for the City's Hazardous Materials Program, which will amount to approximately \$150,000 annually in the 1995-96 fiscal year. To date, this agreement has resulted in the recovery of approximately \$750,000 which equals the entire seven-year cost of the City's Hazardous Materials Program. Heretofore, during the life of the Polk County agreement, the City has received 85 percent of the service provided by the program. With the addition of Dallas County and Madison County by July, the regionalization program will generate approximately \$100,000 in annual revenue for the City.