

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

ITEM _____

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-274
JUNE 28, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE AMENDMENT	RESOLUTION ◆ ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	WILLIAM MOULDER POLICE DEPARTMENT

SYNOPSIS —

At the June 24, 1996 meeting, by Roll Call No. 96-2343, the City Council directed staff to develop a method or procedure for allowing special events which permit minors to remain in attendance after 9:00 PM when beer is served.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of ordinance with final passage at this meeting.

BACKGROUND —

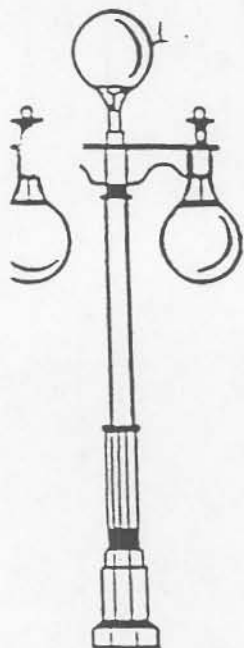
The Court Avenue Association wishes to hold a special street event which would be a block party for the Barnstormers. This would involve the closure of Court Avenue from 3rd Street to 4th Street from 7:00 PM on July 6, 1996 to 12:30 AM July 7, 1996; beer would be served within this enclosure.

Under current City Code provisions, minors would be required to be excluded from this area after 9:00 PM; this exclusion is inconsistent with the desired intent of this event to serve as a family oriented block party.

Staff from the Legal and Police Departments have drafted a code amendment which would allow the Police Chief the discretion to issue a special exemption for block parties such as this. This discretionary power includes the ability to judge the merits of the requested exemption based on previous experience with the same event, staffing, and any special difficulties expected with policing the event. It is anticipated that this amendment will be useful with similar special events and block parties which may be planned in the future.

Creating the flexibility to make exemptions involving the temporary issuance of liquor control licenses is consistent with the Council's desire to apply more local control to such licenses.

Attachment



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