

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-369
AUGUST 26, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
COMMUNICATION TOWER ZONING ORDINANCE	RESOLUTION ◆ ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

Amendment to the Des Moines Zoning Ordinance regarding the permitted location of communication towers and antennae.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of the ordinance change as amended.

BACKGROUND —

The proposed ordinance was amended after the City Council meeting of August 19, 1996, to require that all new communication towers outside of industrial districts must be approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment after notice and public hearing. Notice of the public hearing is required to be given to all owners of record of property within 300 feet of the parcel upon which the tower is to be located.

The Zoning Ordinance presently allows a communication company to apply to the Board of Adjustment for a special permit for a communication tower in any location of the City outside the floodways and Planned Unit Development (PUD) and Planned Business Park (PBP) districts.

Passage of the proposed ordinance would provide the Board of Adjustment with more specific guidelines and limitations on where such towers may be allowed.