

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

**CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-534
DECEMBER 16, 1996 AGENDA**

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
SKYWALK AGREEMENT WITH POLK COUNTY (CONVENTION CENTER)	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	JAMES M. THOMPSON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

SYNOPSIS —

A Skywalk Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Polk County (Convention Center) has been prepared for approval in accord with the terms of the 28E Agreement transferring ownership of the Convention Center to Polk County.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of Skywalk Agreement.

BACKGROUND —

In 1985, the City of Des Moines completed construction of the Des Moines Convention Center, including skywalk bridges over Grand Avenue and over 5th Avenue and construction of the skywalk corridor within the Convention Center connecting such skywalk bridges.

On June 24, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-2316, Council approved a 28E Agreement between the City and Polk County for the transfer of ownership and operation of the Des Moines Convention Center to Polk County. This agreement provided, in part, that the City and Polk County shall execute a Skywalk Agreement wherein the County assumes the rights and obligations as a private property owner of the Des Moines Convention Center under the Skywalk Ordinance.

Such a Skywalk Agreement has been prepared in compliance with the 28E Agreement, and the Skywalk Commission at their July 17, 1996, meeting, approved the agreement and recommended that it be presented to the City Council for final approval.