

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-248

SYNOPSIS —

AGENDA:

JUNE 15, 1998

The Fire Chief has recommended a change in the minimum requirements on the job specification for the position of Fire Medic. Fire Medics perform a full range of duties in the provision of emergency medical services to residents and guests of the community.

SUBJECT:

REVISED JOB
SPECIFICATION
FOR FIRE MEDIC

FISCAL IMPACT –

**TYPE:
RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
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The classification will remain assigned to Range 22 (\$31,134 - \$38,131) of the Des Moines Association of Professional Firefighters pay plan.

**SUBMITTED BY:
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CITY ENGINEER**

No additional expense will be incurred. Fire Service employees with paramedic certification are already compensated for their possession of EMT-P certification, regardless of their duty or position assignment.

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

BACKGROUND –

The Fire Chief has recommended changing the minimum EMS certification level from EMT-B (Basic) to EMT-P (Paramedic). This recommendation is based on several factors. (1) Fire Medics frequently are required to serve as Acting Senior Fire Medics, which requires paramedic certification. (2) All of the EMS squads are dedicated paramedic units providing advanced life support functions. This role is performed more efficiently when both members of the team hold equivalent certification. (3) Medic squads are now expected to perform selected invasive medical techniques only permissible for paramedic-

certified personnel. (4) Upgrading the certification standards will result in the provision of a higher quality of service to the citizens of the community.

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