CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

98-319

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

AUGUST 3, 1998

Revision of Section 8 Administrative Plan and Equal Housing Opportunity Plan to improve the overall daily operations and stay in compliance with Housing and Urban Development

(HUD).

SUBJECT:

REVISE SECTION 8 ADMINISTRATIVE PLAN AND EQUAL HOUSING

OPPORTUNITY

PLAN

FISCAL IMPACT –

N/A

TYPE:

RESOLUTIONORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

RECOMMENDATION –

Approval.

SUBMITTED BY: WILLIAM WILKINS

HOUSING SERVICES

DIRECTOR

BACKGROUND -

The Section 8 Housing Assistance Program periodically revises its Administrative Plan and Equal Housing Opportunity Plan as a matter of improving operations and staying in compliance with HUD regulations.

Some of the changes being proposed are:

- 1. Changing the minimum rents from \$25 to \$50 per household;
- 2. Adding specific language regarding the abuse of alcohol by participants or applicants;
- 3. Requiring participants to report income changes of \$100 monthly, rather than \$40 for the purpose of completing a recertification of eligibility; and
- 4. Changing policy resulting from unreported income, and repayment of monies owed.

Upon approval of these changes, staff will initiate plans to begin implementing this policy immediately.

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