

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**98-326**

**SYNOPSIS –**

**AGENDA:**  
AUGUST 3, 1998

The City is acquiring a number of commercial and residential properties in conjunction with the East 14th Street and Guthrie Avenue Intersection Improvement Project. This resolution will authorize the execution of Maintain Vacancy Agreements with the owners to prevent payment of additional relocation benefits.

**SUBJECT:**  
EAST 14TH STREET AND  
GUTHRIE AVENUE  
INTERSECTION  
IMPROVEMENT– MAINTAIN  
VACANCY AGREEMENTS

**FISCAL IMPACT –**

**TYPE:**  
**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

Funding Source: 1994/95 Capital Improvements  
Program 385245

**SUBMITTED BY:**  
HAROLD SMITH  
CITY ENGINEER

**RECOMMENDATION –**

**Approval and authorization to execute Maintain Vacancy Agreement with owners of properties being acquired for the East 14th Street and Guthrie Avenue Intersection Improvement Project.**

**BACKGROUND –**

The City Council has authorized the acquisition of the necessary right-of-way for the East 14th Street and Guthrie Avenue Intersection Improvement Project included in the 1994/95 Capital Improvements Program. A number of properties are commercial and residential rental properties where the City is required to relocate and make relocation payments to existing tenants at the time of acquisition. It has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City to enter into agreements with the owners of the rental properties to prevent new tenancies from occurring during the acquisition process solely for the purpose of

obtaining additional relocation benefits.

The Iowa Department of Transportation has approved the use of such agreements in conjunction with this project and previous acquisition projects. The costs associated with these agreements are eligible for reimbursement from federal grant funds for this project.