

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**98-508**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

NOVEMBER 16, 1998

The Police Department has a desire to conduct a review of the procedures relating to the handling of property recovered by the Department. To this end, the Department has established criteria for this review with the assistance of KPMG Peat Marwick. The City's Legal Department has negotiated agreeable language with KPMG Peat Marwick to be included as an additional engagement under the existing contract for Professional Auditing Services between the City and KPMG Peat Marwick, LLP.

**SUBJECT:**

KPMG PEAT MARWICK  
CONTRACT FOR  
PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT REVIEW

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE**

KPMG Peat Marwick has provided the Police Department with an estimate of fees for this review not to exceed \$9,500. The Police Department has identified funds from the Department's operating budget to pay this fee.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

WILLIAM MOULDER  
CHIEF OF POLICE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approval.**

**BACKGROUND -**

The Police Department feels it is a sound business practice to periodically review its procedures. It has been several years since a review of our property handling procedures has been conducted. The Police Department takes in large amounts of cash and contraband. A considerable amount of this is seized property that will eventually be forfeited to the Police Department. The City is, therefore, subject to review by the Federal Department of Justice in its handling of this type of property.

There is no reason to believe there have been problems with our procedures, however, by conducting an independent review we ensure our procedures are appropriate and effective.

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