

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

98-549

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

DECEMBER 7, 1998

In preparation for the 1998/99 winter season, the Public Works Department has made arrangements to operationalize the City's snow dump in the event heavy snow accumulations necessitate snow loading operations. In addition to use of the site by City snow removal crews, commercial haulers removing snow from private properties in Des Moines have also been allowed to deposit snow at the site. In order to partially recover some of the Public Works Department's costs for operation of the site, it is recommended that commercial haulers pay an annual permit fee of \$100 per company to use the site and \$50 annually per vehicle used to deliver snow to the site.

SUBJECT:

ANNUAL PERMIT--
COMMERCIAL SNOW
HAULERS

TYPE:

**RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE**

FISCAL IMPACT -

Funding for operation of the City's snow dump is currently budgeted in the Public Works Department's operating budget. Revenues from the sale of permits to commercial snow haulers estimated at \$2,500 per year will be a revenue to the General Fund.

SUBMITTED BY:

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PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval of annual permit fee and hauling vehicle fees for commercial snow haulers using the City's snow dump.

BACKGROUND -

In preparation for possible snow hauling operations, the City of Des Moines activates a municipal snow dump located in the vicinity of the former Harriet Street

Landfill located at SE 15th and Harriet Streets. When snow accumulations require loading and hauling, the snow is deposited at the snow dump, stockpiled, and left to eventually melt in the spring. In addition to City crews, commercial haulers have traditionally used the snow dump to deposit snow removed from properties located within Des Moines.

To partially recover some of the operational expenses associated with monitoring the snow site and stockpiling the snow hauled in, the Public Works Department is recommending an annual permit fee of \$100 per commercial company desiring to deposit snow at the snow dump. In addition, each vehicle used to haul snow would need a \$50 annual permit prior to dumping at the site. Revenues generated through the issuance of permits would constitute a revenue source to the General Fund.