

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

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

**99-343**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

JULY 26, 1999

To approve the Third Amendment to the 28E Agreement between the City and the Blank Park Zoo Foundation to extend the current agreement until July 21, 2000, to allow adequate time to negotiate a new agreement.

**SUBJECT:**

THIRD  
AMENDMENT TO  
THE 28E  
AGREEMENT WITH  
BLANK PARK ZOO  
FOUNDATION

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Approve amendment to current 28E Agreement.**

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**BACKGROUND -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

DONALD M. TRIPP  
PARK AND  
RECREATION  
DIRECTOR

The Blank Park Zoo Foundation, a private non-profit corporation, has had an agreement with the City since May 17, 1982. The purpose of the agreement is to authorize the Zoo Foundation to conduct promotional and fundraising activities on behalf of the Blank Park Zoo (City). This agreement essentially establishes the terms for the Zoo Foundation to conduct promotional and fundraising programs in the community and use the Zoo for fundraising events. It further authorizes the Zoo Foundation to maintain a membership program and other annual support programs, and to retain funds derived from these programs to improve the Zoo.

The reason for the Third Amendment to the current 28E Agreement, through July 21, 2000, is to allow time for the Zoo Foundation to complete a new Business Plan to project future financial support for operating and capital improvements and to negotiate a new agreement with the City. A joint committee of the Park and Recreation Board and Zoo Foundation is working

on this new agreement.

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