

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

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

**99-356**

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

**AGENDA:**

AUGUST 16, 1999

**SUBJECT:**

AUTHORIZE  
NEGOTIATION OF  
AGREEMENT WITH  
ACME PRINTING  
FOR THE  
CONSTRUCTION OF  
A FENCE/CENTRAL  
PLACE URBAN  
RENEWAL AREA

**SYNOPSIS -**

On the August 16, 1999 Council agenda is a resolution to authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with Acme Printing Co. (66 Washington Street, Jerry Miller, President) to permit Acme to construct a fence, at its expense, across property owned by the City and Acme Printing located on the north side of the 0-100 block of Jefferson Street. This agreement is subject to Legal Department approval.

This resolution also directs City staff to work with Acme Printing to explore the feasibility of an exchange of properties on this block which would permit contiguous land ownership by the City and Acme Printing.

**TYPE:**

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

None.

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

RICHARD CLARK  
DEPUTY CITY  
MANAGER

**Approval to authorize the City Manager or his designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with Acme Printing Co., subject to City Legal Department approval, for the construction of a fence, at Acme's expense, to control dumping on City and Acme property.**

**BACKGROUND -**

The City has acquired several properties located on the north side of the 0-100 block of Jefferson Street through the Voluntary Acquisition Program of Residences (VAPOR) program after the 1993 flood. The City lots are interspersed with vacant lots owned by Acme Printing.

There has been significant dumping of construction and brush debris on these properties. The City has hauled several loads of trash from these properties in the past month with assistance from Acme Printing employees.

Acme Printing has proposed constructing a fence on these properties, at its expense, to reduce the dumping. City staff is recommending that Acme and the City explore an exchange of properties on this block which would allow both parties to have contiguous ownership which will increase the development potential of both properties.

In addition, the property exchange would then situate the fence entirely on Acme's property. A license agreement to permit Acme to build the fence now is recommended to reduce the dumping until the property exchange can be worked through by both parties.