



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-076

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

FEBRUARY 21, 2000

The Council adopted an ordinance that made it illegal to allow items to be placed on the right-of-way. The ordinance authorized staff to remove the items from the right-of way if the violation remained in excess of 48 hours. Staff is requesting that the length of time that the violation is allowed to remain on the right-of-way be reduced from 48 hours to 24 hours.

SUBJECT:

AMENDMENT TO
CHAPTER 17
REGARDING RIGHT-
OF-WAY CLEAN
UPS

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

TYPE:

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

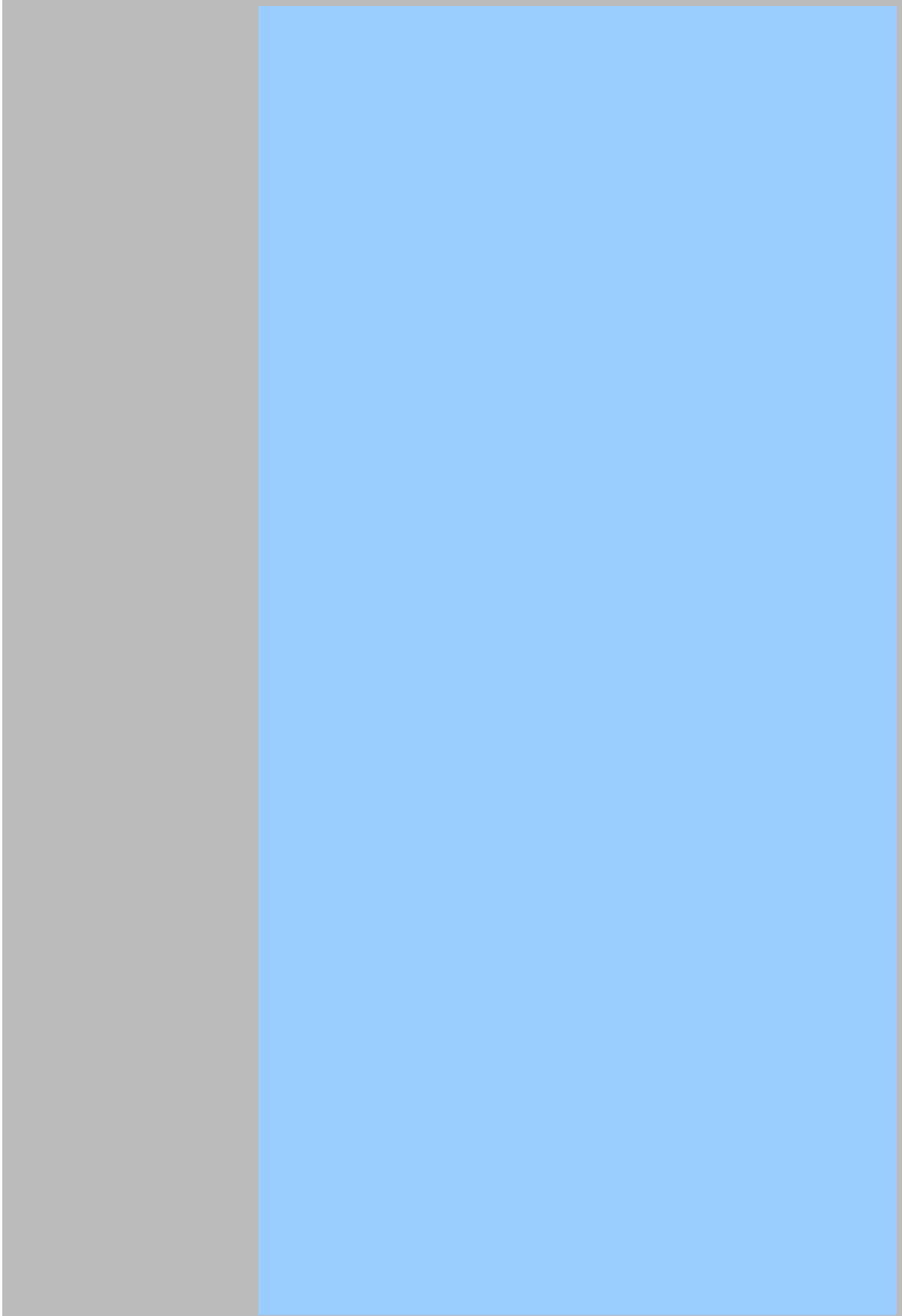
BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

JIM GRANT,
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

On September 1, 1997, by Roll Call No. 97-2882, Chapter 17 was enacted. It was amended on July 5, 1999, by Roll Call No. 99-1968 in response to citizens' complaints regarding the abandonment of property on the right-of-way. Council made it illegal to allow property to remain on the right-of-way in excess of 48 hours. The ordinance change authorized the removal of the items deemed abandoned without notice at the expiration of 48-hour time period.

This ordinance change is an attempt to shorten the time that items are allowed to remain on the right-of-way prior to their removal. The objective is to expedite the time it takes to cause the violation to be removed from the right-of-way.











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