

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-084

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Proposed ordinance amendment to allow for a variance of time periods for racing events.

MARCH 6, 2000

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

There is no anticipated impact over approved budget.

AMEND
ORDINANCE TO
ALLOW
APPLICATION FOR
VARIANCE OF TIME
FOR RACING
EVENTS.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

TYPE:

On February 15, 2000, Don Young filed an application for an ordinance variance in order to conduct a sprint car racing event. The request included a variance for noise levels (because of the noise levels sprint cars create) and also included information indicating that the event would occur from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight.

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

Mr. Young has been verbally advised that a variance could be considered for noise, however the ordinance did not allow for a variance of time periods. A formal notification outlining options was sent to Mr. Young. Concurrently, Mr. Young initiated contact with the Council Member Brooks. Upon receiving notification, Mr. Young amended his application to conform to the 10:30 p.m. cut-off time.

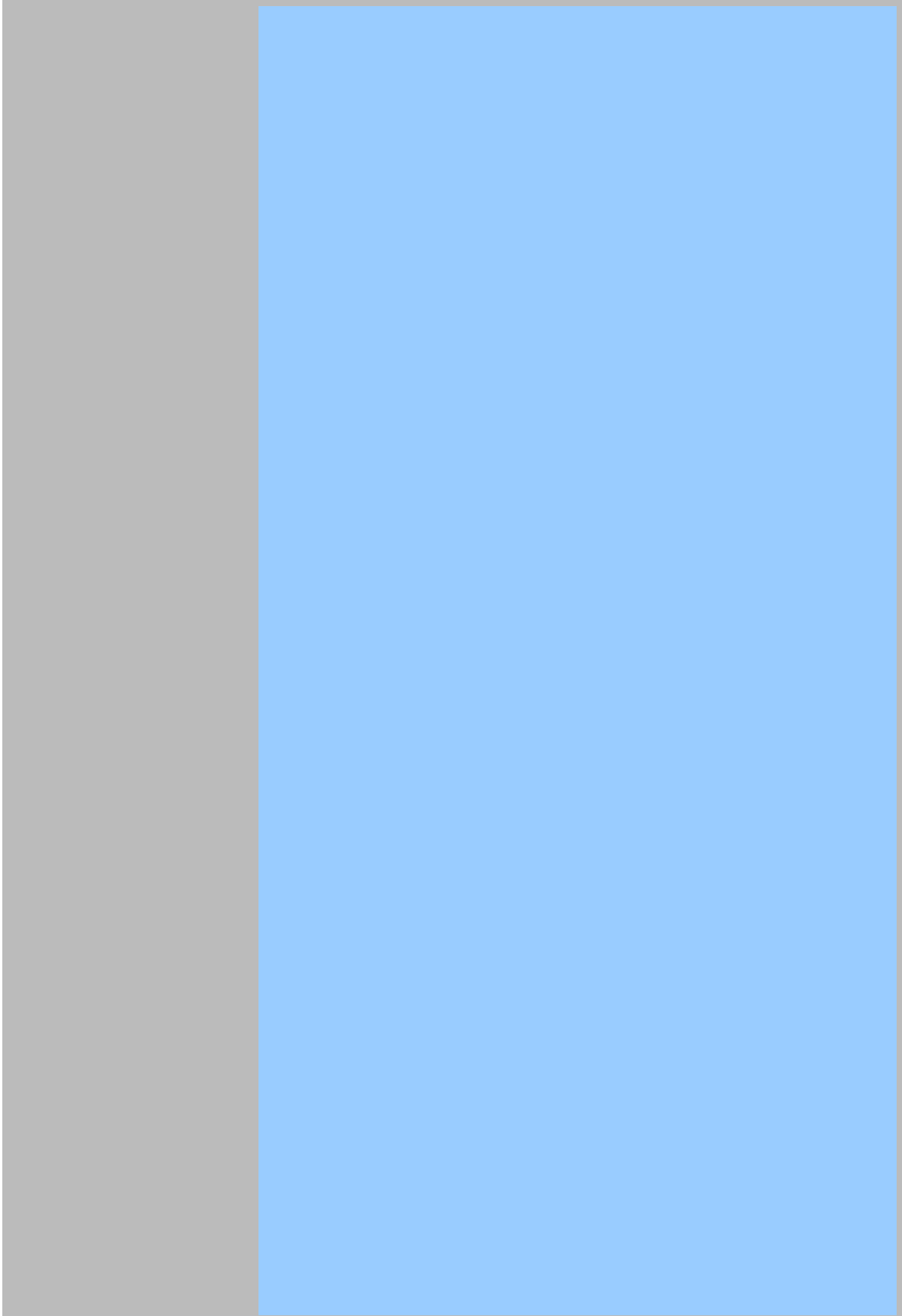
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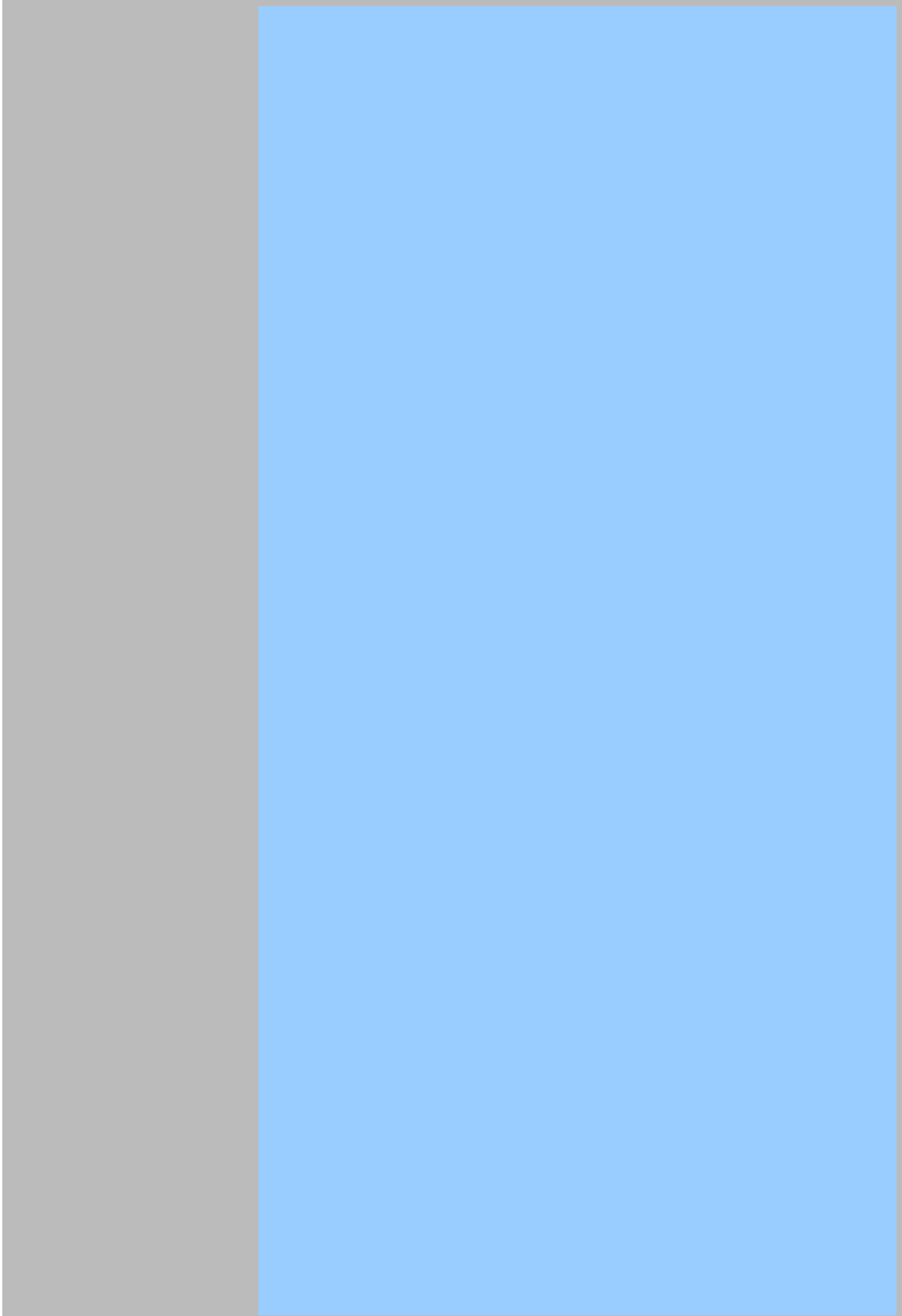
Council Member Brooks introduced discussion for the extension of time to midnight, for the operation of the Danny Young Memorial Fairground Race on April 14, 2000. (Agenda Item 82, February 21, 2000.) Staff was directed to prepare the recommended ordinance language for consideration.)

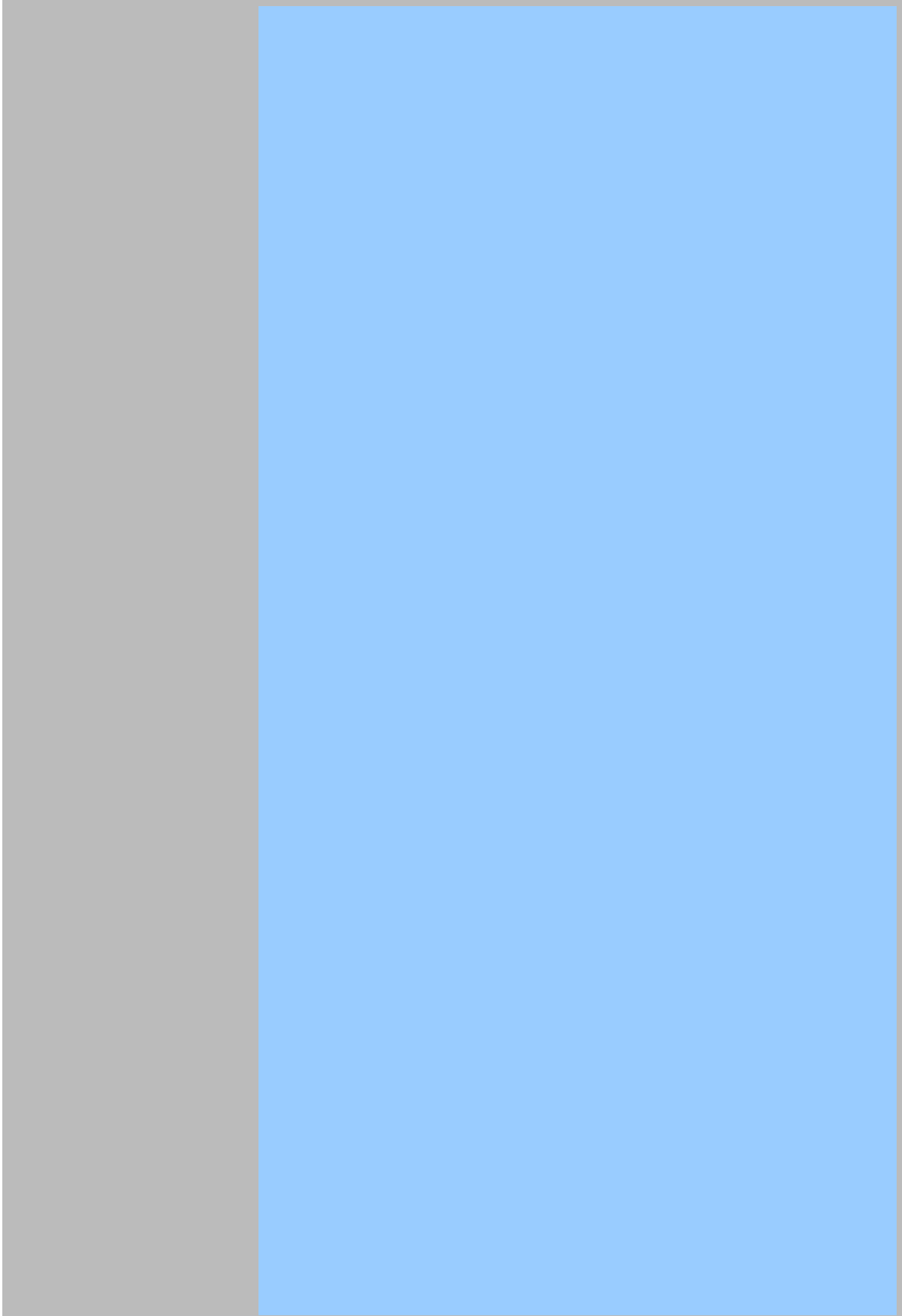
According to Bill Way, leasing agent for the Iowa State Fair Exposition, the Danny Young Memorial Race is the only known 2000 event that would require a noise variance. Mr. Young must send a letter outlining the evening's events to the City.

Although the initial application was amended, this proposed amendment is designed to address situations when a variance in the time period is a desired option and quantifies the number of variances allowed per property. The property owner, or agent for the owner, will be the applicant for the variance since the maximum number of variances allowable is tied to the property.

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