CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

00-113

AGENDA:

MARCH 27, 2000

SUBJECT:

AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO CURB DROP LOCATION LIMITATIONS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM ____

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS -

An ordinance to amend the Municipal Code of Des Moines, 1991, Section 23-227, is proposed that relates to curb drop location limitations. This ordinance change would allow for a 3-foot flare to be placed on a drive approach in locations where the driveway on private property is located immediately adjacent to the side property line.

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The current Municipal Code, Section 23-227, provides several limitations relating to curb drops for driveways serving private property. The current ordinance does not allow a curb drop to be extended beyond the property line unless there is an adjacent driveway or alley sharing a common approach. At times, this restriction has caused problems with street construction/reconstruction projects when new curbs are constructed.

The proposed ordinance change would allow a curb drop for a driveway approach to be extended three feet beyond the property line. This would allow for a normal taper to be constructed on the driveway approach in cases where the driveway on private property is located immediately adjacent to the side property line. A taper on the approach allows for

normal turning movements for vehicles entering a driveway located extremely close to the property line. If a normal driveway flare is not constructed on these approaches, a vehicle may have to cross the street centerline to negotiate a turn into the driveway (see attached drawing).

Attachment