

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

00-325

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JULY 10, 2000

SUBJECT:

AMENDING
CHAPTER 118 OF
MUNICIPAL CODE-
SANITARY SEWER
CONNECTIONS

Current City Code provisions regarding sanitary sewer connection fee districts do not allow properties outside the City of Des Moines to connect to Des Moines trunk sewers and do not provide for the collection of connection fees for such connections. This ordinance would provide for such connections in the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer Benefited District, pursuant to an agreement with another governmental entity approved by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT -

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

By allowing the application of connection fees to property outside the City and inside the sewer service area, additional project funding can be provided to support specific sanitary sewer capital improvement projects.

RECOMMENDATION -

SUBMITTED BY:

FLOYD BENTZ, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

Approve first consideration of an ordinance allowing the connection of properties outside the City to the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer, pursuant to an agreement with another governmental entity approved by the City Council.

BACKGROUND -

The City of Pleasant Hill has a need to provide sanitary sewer service to a portion of the Edgewater subdivision in Pleasant Hill which is most feasibly and economically served by utilizing the Des Moines Four Mile East Trunk Sewer. Recently, Des Moines and Pleasant Hill have been in discussions to determine the best way to provide sanitary sewer service to this area and a range of other issues. Representatives of both cities have determined the best service is provided by the Des Moines Four Mile East Trunk Sewer.

At the time of the planning of the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer, the area proposed to be served by connection to the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer was included in the initial calculation of the service area for the benefited district. However, it had not been annexed into either Des Moines or Pleasant Hill. Since the completion of the sewer, the City of Pleasant Hill has annexed the area, in accordance with the Annexation Moratorium Agreement between Des Moines and Pleasant Hill. Consequently, providing sewer servicing to this area by connection to the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer will not take capacity away from areas in Des Moines or other areas in the City's long range plans.

The current sanitary sewer connection fee ordinance does not provide for the connection of properties outside Des Moines to a Des Moines trunk sewer. The proposed ordinance would amend the connection fee ordinance to provide for such connections in the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer Benefited District pursuant to 28E agreement. A 28E Agreement between Pleasant Hill and Des Moines has been negotiated, providing for the connection of a portion of the Edgewater subdivision in Pleasant Hill to the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer. That agreement provides for the connection upon payment of a one time capital charge equivalent to what the connection fee would be for the area served if it was in Des Moines and subject to the connection fee for the Four Mile Creek Trunk Sewer Benefited District. In consideration of the transfer of a small amount of Des Moines' capacity in the Wastewater Reclamation Authority (WRA) Four Mile Creek Interceptor downstream from the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer, Pleasant Hill has agreed to a renewal of the Annexation Moratorium Agreement for a period of ten years, and has further agreed to cooperate with Des Moines and Altoona in the development of another trunk sewer or WRA interceptor sewer in this area to serve Altoona and future development areas over which Des Moines will have exclusive annexation rights under the Annexation Moratorium Agreement with Pleasant Hill.

The 28E agreement will be presented to the City Council for consideration at the July 24th Council meeting. The following is an outline of all related actions which the City Council will be asked to take in furtherance of this joint undertaking with Pleasant Hill:

July 10 City Council Meeting

- (1) Set hearing on the Annexation Moratorium Agreement; and
- (2) Give first consideration to the Ordinance allowing property outside the City to connect to the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer.

July 24 City Council Meeting

- (1) Hold the hearing on the Annexation Moratorium Agreement;
- (2) Approve the Annexation Moratorium Agreement;
- (3) Waive third consideration and adopt the Ordinance allowing property outside the City to connect to the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer; and
- (4) Approve the 28E Agreement providing for connection of a portion of Edgewater subdivision in Pleasant Hill to the Four Mile East Trunk Sewer.