CITY COUNCIL **COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

01-013

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

JANUARY 8, 2001

SUBJECT:

BUILDING PERMIT RE-ISSUANCE-834 -19TH STREET

TYPE:

RESOLUTION

ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES GRANT COMMUNITY **DEVELOPMENT** DIRECTOR

The owners of the property at 834 - 19th Street (Michael

LaValle/Jon A. White) are requesting the reinstatement of a building permit, which was obtained on November 12, 1999. In accordance with Section 26-115 of the Municipal Code, building permits expire for residential projects if the work authorized by the permit is not commenced within 180 days, is abandoned for more than 120 days, or is not completed within one year.

FISCAL IMPACT -

None.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

The permit for this project is to renovate an older existing residence located at 834 - 19th Street into a duplex. This permit was obtained on November 12, 1999. However, the work authorized for this project had not commenced within the prescribed time allowed in Section 26-115 of the Municipal Code (180 days). Officially, this permit expired on May 10, 2000. The Building Official is allowed by this section to grant two 90-day extensions to permits that have not expired. In this case, the permit had expired.

Recently, the owners of this property advised the Permit and Development Center that they were prepared to commence this project, at which time they were advised that the permit had expired and they would either need to obtain a new permit or ask for reinstatement from the City Council. In accordance with Section 26-115(c) of the Municipal Code, building permits may be re-issued

without a fee only by resolution of the City Council.

The valuation of the expired permit was for \$55,000 of renovation work to this property with a permit fee of \$364.75.

The property owners have asked that this permit be re-issued without a new fee. Attached to the roll call is a copy of the request from the owner of this property.

If approved, the re-issued permit will be re-instated at the same time frames as a new permit, unless specified otherwise by the Council (180 days to commence, not abandoned longer than 120 days, and completed within one-year).

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