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CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

ITEM _____

01-107

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

AGENDA:

MARCH 12, 2001

SUBJECT:

RADIO SITE LEASE
AGREEMENT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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CHIEF OF POLICE

SYNOPSIS -

The radio receiver site located at Holiday Inn Downtown was abandoned at the request of the property owner. A new site has been identified at Mercy Hospital, which requires a new contract delineating space requirements of the City and appropriate compensation to the hospital. A contract has been created and signed by Mercy Hospital.

FISCAL IMPACT -

Mercy Hospital will receive \$500 per year for leased space, which will be funded from the Police Department budget.

RECOMMENDATION -

Approval.

BACKGROUND -

Six receiver sites, scattered throughout the City, support the City of Des Moines Radio Communications System. These sites support equipment that assures dependable and consistent radio communications for public safety operations. Recently, one of these sites was abandoned at the request of the property owner. A new site has been identified at Mercy Hospital. Hospital administrators are willing to provide space for our radio equipment at the same compensation amount as the former site owner. Reception tests have been completed and staff concurs that the hospital location will adequately provide the quality of service demanded by the Police and Fire Departments.

The hospital site has several advantages. The security of the equipment will be more than adequate and access to the equipment will be on a 24-hour, seven day a week basis. The

building is high enough to provide required coverage north of the City and downtown.

City staff has constructed a lease agreement that has been signed by Mercy Hospital. The Police Department is requesting that the Council authorize the Mayor to sign the lease agreement in order for City radio technicians to install the required equipment April 1, 2001.

The City will compensate Mercy Hospital \$500 per year for the space in the main tower site and on the building roof.