

## Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
	<b>OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA</b>
<b>01-291</b>	<b>SYNOPSIS -</b>
<b>AGENDA:</b>  JUNE 4, 2001	At the April 16, 2001 City Council meeting, by Roll Call No. 01-1118, Council requested that the City Manager and Legal Department report on the proposed enforcement of an amendment to Chapter 42 of the Municipal Code regarding the distribution of handbills and newspapers at private premises. The June 4, 2001 agenda includes the final consideration of this amendment.
<b>SUBJECT:</b>  MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT REGARDING HANDBILL AND NEWSPAPER DISTRIBUTION AT PRIVATE PREMISES	The Police Department will be the enforcement agency with the cooperation of the citizens of Des Moines. A complaint from a citizen will be required. The participation of the citizen is necessary to enforce this amendment, including a willingness on the part of the citizen to testify and document the actions linked to an actual violator.
<b>TYPE:</b>  RESOLUTION <u>ORDINANCE</u> RECEIVE/FILE	<b>FISCAL IMPACT -</b>  Negligible.  <b>RECOMMENDATION -</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	<b>Approval.</b>
ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER	<b>BACKGROUND -</b>  The enforcement of the amendment to Chapter 42 of the Municipal Code will be the shared responsibility of the Police Department and the citizens of Des Moines. The enforcement process will require a complaint from the citizen, and the citizen must be an active participant in determining within the threshold of legal certainty the actual violator. Enforcement also requires that citizens be willing to testify and document the violation. The enforcement process will not involve stakeouts but will include assisting citizens with documenting their observations through the use of cameras and other techniques.

With the HEAT (Helpdesk Expert Automation Tool) software now implemented citywide, a call of complaint of violation of this ordinance can be received by any City division and assigned to the Police Department.

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