

## Meeting Agendas/Info

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:	ITEM _____
01-427	<b>OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA</b>
<b>AGENDA:</b>  AUGUST 6, 2001	<b>SYNOPSIS -</b>  The Police Department is requesting a change to the existing Truck Route Ordinance 114-471 of the Municipal Code. The change essentially removes a mandatory court appearance and requires a violator to pay a fine of \$40 plus costs, which may be mailed in, for payment.
<b>SUBJECT:</b>  TRUCK ROUTE ORDINANCE	<b>FISCAL IMPACT -</b>  None.
<b>TYPE:</b>  RESOLUTION <u>ORDINANCE</u> RECEIVE/FILE	<b>RECOMMENDATION -</b>  <b>Approval.</b>
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>  WILLIAM MOULDER CHIEF OF POLICE	<b>BACKGROUND -</b>  Currently, when a truck driver is found to be in violation of the Truck Route Ordinance and is issued a citation, the citation requires a court appearance. This results in a large problem for the truck driver who occasionally operates within the city but lives or is employed out-of-town or out-of-state.  Out-of-town or out-of-state truck drivers have few options. They may travel a long distance for the court appearance. They may fail to appear and have a warrant issued for their arrest. Finally, they may hire an attorney licensed to practice in Iowa to appear for them in court.  This ordinance change would allow the additional option of allowing payment of the \$40 fine plus costs to be mailed in to resolve the case. This would also help to provide some relief to the overburdened court system. Although the citation is written on an Iowa Uniform Citation, it will not affect the truck driver's driving record due to state law.

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