

## Meeting Agendas/Info

### CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

ITEM \_\_\_\_\_

01-447

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

#### AGENDA:

AUGUST 20, 2001

#### SUBJECT:

SUBMISSION OF  
UPDATED  
TRANSITION  
STRATEGY AND  
REQUEST FOR  
EXTENSION TO  
COMPLIANCE DATE

#### SYNOPSIS -

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued a new regulation regarding notification, evaluation, and reduction of lead-base paint hazards in properties receiving federal assistance. The City Council has approved other extensions for compliance with these new regulations. Even though the City of Des Moines has made substantial progress to ensure compliance, this final extension period will ensure coordination with the Housing Services Department, and will ensure that there are adequately trained contractors and housing organizations that are able to comply with the new lead based paint regulations. This additional deferment will be the final one requested, and the City of Des Moines will be required to comply with the regulations on January 10, 2002.

#### TYPE:

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

#### FISCAL IMPACT -

N/A

#### SUBMITTED BY:

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COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

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ACTING HOUSING  
SERVICES  
DIRECTOR

#### RECOMMENDATION -

**Approval.**

#### BACKGROUND -

The City of Des Moines has utilized several opportunities that HUD has offered to apply for extensions to the compliance date set by HUD for the Lead-Base Paint Regulation. The City of Des Moines has made further progress toward compliance by training additional staff to conduct evaluations and establishing protocol and procedures on rehabilitation projects involving lead based paint. Additionally, staff has submitted a Request for Proposals (RFP) for clearance testing and risk assessment for rehabilitation projects.

Community Development Department staff, as well as Housing

Services Department staff, are requesting this final deferment period to ensure that all legal documentation is compliant with the new regulations, as well as to establish relocation protocols for projects, and to conduct further training of area contractors to ensure that lead safe work practices are being utilized. The City of Des Moines is coordinating all training activities with the Iowa Department of Public Health to create the largest impact for the utilization of these regulations. This deferment period will also enable the Neighborhood Conservation Services Division to incorporate the additional documents required for the various lead based paint protocols directly into the new program database being developed for this Division.

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