



**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

ITEM _____

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

02-017

SYNOPSIS -

AGENDA:

Approval of the Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center Facility Use Agreement Amendment.

JANUARY 7, 2002

FISCAL IMPACT -

SUBJECT:

Anticipated \$2,500 reduction in tax subsidy of the Botanical Center.

BOTANICAL
CENTER FACILITY
USE AGREEMENT
AMENDMENT

RECOMMENDATION -

Approve Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center Facility Use Agreement Amendment.

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

BACKGROUND -

SUBMITTED BY:

On September 23, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-3342, the City of Des Moines entered into a Facility Use Agreement with the Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center authorizing them to provide food, catering, beverage, and alcohol services at the Des Moines Botanical Center.

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PARK AND
RECREATION
DIRECTOR

The current agreement allows for an extension of the existing agreement. The amendment, which is on file with the City Clerk, was approved by the Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center Board and signed by their president Dr. Alan Magruder on December 6, 2001.

Currently, staff is negotiating a new agreement with the Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center Board that would provide for the City to assume management, operations, and collection of revenues of the guest services functions currently provided by the Friends' Board.

The extension until August 2002 will allow for the continuation of food, beverage, liquor, and catering services to customers of the

Botanical Center until a final agreement can be presented to the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Des Moines Botanical Center and the Des Moines City Council.
