

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-135

AGENDA:

MARCH 18, 2002

SUBJECT:

COMMUNICATION
FROM THE SOUTH
SIDE
REVITALIZATION
PARTNERSHIP
CONCERNING
EXPANSION OF THE
TAX ABATEMENT
AREA OUTLINED IN
AMENDMENT 9 TO
THE RESTATED
URBAN
REVITALIZATION
PLAN FOR CITY-
WIDE URBAN
REVITALIZATION
AREA

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

JAMES M. GRANT
COMMUNITY

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS -

At the February 18, 2002 meeting, the City Council deferred action on the denial of a tax abatement application for the Earl May Garden Store located at 7701 Bloomfield Road. The South Side Revitalization Partnership (SSRP) requested that this action be deferred until they could study and make a recommendation to the City Council whether this property should receive tax abatement.

The SSRP has requested that the City Council expand the area identified in the 9th Amendment to the City-Wide Urban Revitalization Area Plan to include areas zoned C-2, C-1, C-4, or PUD with commercial uses adjacent to the current area and add the area east of SE 14th Street to Indianola Avenue, north of County Line Road and south of East Army Post Road to the area eligible to receive commercial tax abatement.

In addition, they recommend that any new construction completed in the last year that meets the design standards listed in the 9th amendment should be granted tax abatement.

And finally, they recommend that any overlap in requirements for receiving tax abatement for areas from south of the bridge over the Des Moines River to King Avenue be required to meet the more strict requirements for design as set forth in 9th Amendment.

FISCAL IMPACT -

This recommendation would increase the number of commercial properties eligible to receive tax abatement in the area identified by the 9th Amendment and the proposed expansion areas.

RECOMMENDATION -

Receive/File and refer this recommendation to the Community Development and Legal Departments for their recommendation.

DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR

After approval by the Plan and Zoning Commission, the recommendation would be brought back to the City Council for their approval.

BACKGROUND -

This group has provided a recommendation on other tax abatement applications in the area and was instrumental in helping create the 9th Amendment to the City-wide Urban Revitalization Area.
