

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**02-269**

**AGENDA:**

MAY 20, 2002

**SUBJECT:**

ORDINANCE  
AMENDMENT/  
TRANSPORTATION  
FOR PROSTITUTION

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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CHIEF OF POLICE

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

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

**SYNOPSIS -**

The current ordinance prohibiting transportation of a person for the purpose of prostitution requires the transportation be for hire. Proof of payment is difficult which has a chilling effect on enforcement.

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

None.

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**A change in the ordinance be enacted that removes the necessity to prove compensation and simply requires that the person providing transportation be aware that the illegal activity of prostitution is a byproduct of the transportation.**

**BACKGROUND -**

Previous cases have been made which clearly established that people were transporting prostitutes, were aware that the transportation was needed so that the business of prostitution could be conducted, but officers were finding it nearly impossible to establish that an exchange for something of value had occurred between the transporter and the transportee.

The Police Department's purpose is to have an enforceable ordinance that can be used to help reduce the prostitution business, and ensure that all those involved in seeing that it thrives are held accountable.



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