

CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:

02-468

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 9, 2002

SUBJECT:

DUMPSTER SERVICE
FOR FOUR-PLEX
PROPERTIES

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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PUBLIC WORKS
DIRECTOR

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

Staff has prepared an ordinance modification that would provide two-yard dumpsters for four-plex owners to help reduce litter in neighborhoods. At council's direction, staff has followed up with neighborhood associations, in particular, the Drake Neighborhood Association, to address any possible concerns regarding the program. No concerns have been received, and staff is requesting approval of the first reading of the ordinance modification.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The solid waste collection and disposal program is an enterprise account which is funded exclusively through user fees and yard waste tonnage fees paid to the City by the Metro Waste Authority. The City would provide the two-yard dumpsters which would be purchased out of the Solid Waste Enterprise Account. Staff has also calculated that a dumpster fee of \$9 per month will cover costs associated with the program. (A dumpster fee of \$9 per month would be deposited back into the account and reflect the cost of this service.)

RECOMMENDATION —

Approve first reading of ordinance modification to allow owners of four-plex properties the option of using a City-provided dumpster at the rate of \$9 per month per dumpster in addition to the current \$41.00 monthly fee for solid waste collection disposal.

BACKGROUND —

On May 6, 2002, the City Council received Communication No. 02-233 recommending adoption of required ordinance changes to allow for the use of two-yard dumpsters by four-plex owners to reduce litter in the neighborhoods. At the request of staff, the City Council referred the matter to the Legal Department for preparation of appropriate ordinance modifications to authorize the City to provide and charge for two-yard dumpsters.

On May 20, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-1307, Council reviewed

proposed ordinance language and referred the matter back to the City Manager and the Public Works Department to meet with the Drake Neighborhood Association and others to address concerns raised. Staff proceeded to inform all neighborhood association leaders and the presidents of the Neighborhood Revitalization Board and Des Moines Neighbors of the recommendation to provide two-yard dumpsters to reduce litter. Each was asked to respond if concerned by July 13, 2002. No concerns regarding the program were received.

With reference to the Drake Neighborhood Association, a Public Works Department representative met with the Drake Neighborhood board on August 14, 2002, to discuss the program. Drake Neighborhood board members, including their president, were in favor of offering the four-plex owners the option of a two-yard dumpster. Consequently, staff recommends proceeding with the attached proposed ordinance change to empower the Public Works Department to offer and service two-yard dumpsters for four-plex owners at a fee of \$9 per dumpster per month.