

**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**02-500**

**AGENDA:**

SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

**SUBJECT:**

DES MOINES  
LANDSCAPE  
GUIDELINES

**TYPE:**

**RESOLUTION**  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE AND FILE

**SUBMITTED BY:**

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**ITEM80**

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

**SYNOPSIS —**

The draft "Des Moines Landscape Guidelines" attached to the roll call was developed by Public Works, Community Development, and Park and Recreation Department staff to set landscape standards for streets (parkways), parking structures, and surface parking lots in the downtown. Parkway plantings also apply to some residential areas as well.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Unknown.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

**Receive, file, and refer to the Architectural Advisory Committee, Park and Recreation Board, Plan and Zoning Commission, Urban Development Board, and Downtown Community Alliance.**

**BACKGROUND —**

In 2001 the City Council created a Mayor's Landscape Task Force. The Task Force formed a committee to spearhead the development of landscape standards for the City of Des Moines. The landscape standards were to be applied to parkway plantings on streets downtown, certain residential areas, surface parking lots, and parking structures downtown. City staff from the Community Development Department, Park and Recreation Department, and Public Works produced the "Des Moines Landscape Guidelines" from the work completed by the Mayor's Landscape Task Force.