

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-524

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 7, 2002

SUBJECT:

HISTORIC DISTRICT
COMMISSION

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

ERIC A. ANDERSON
CITY MANAGER

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

A proposed ordinance has been prepared that would:

- change the name of the Historic District Commission to the Historic Preservation Commission;
- require all individuals appointed to the Commission to have a demonstrated interest in historic preservation; and
- require all individuals appointed to the Commission to attend a training seminar on historic preservation.

The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that the Commission can continue to effectively guide historic preservation within the City.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The City will be required to pay the cost of training for Commission members.

RECOMMENDATION —

Waiver of readings and final passage of the ordinance.

BACKGROUND —

Elsewhere on the Council agenda for October 7, 2002, is the final reading of an ordinance that would reorganize the Architectural Advisory Committee and the Urban Development Board. This same ordinance also makes some changes in regards to the designation and review of Historic Landmarks located outside of Historic Districts. In conjunction with these changes, the City sought the input of the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, particularly in regards to the designation and review of Historic Landmarks. As part of these discussions several additional changes were identified that will enhance not only the review of Historic Landmarks, but Historic Preservation in general.