

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

02-528

AGENDA:

OCTOBER 7, 2002

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT FOR
CLOSING AREAWAY AT
501 E. LOCUST STREET

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

JEB E. BREWER, P.E.
CITY ENGINEER

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

On the October 7, 2002 Council agenda is a roll call to approve and authorize the execution of an agreement for closing of an areaway at 501 E. Locust Street with Preservation Properties, L.L.C. (Bernard Van Til, Managing Member, 245 Capital Square, 400 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa, 50309) in conjunction with the E. Locust Streetscape Improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT —

There will be no fiscal impact to the project for work covered by this Agreement.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval

BACKGROUND —

On April 8, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-917(A), the City Council approved a Construction Agreement with Larson and Larson Construction (Jeffrey C. Larson, President, 10703 Justin Drive, Des Moines, IA 50322) for E. Locust Streetscape Improvements.

The owner of the building at 501 E. Locust Street, Preservation Properties, L.L.C., has requested that the City close the areaway along Locust in lieu of building a structural walk over the areaway as provided for in the contract with Larson and Larson Construction for the E. Locust Streetscape Improvements. The contractor has proposed a no cost change to do the necessary work for closing the areaway.

In general, the closing of unused areaways is desirable. Unused areaways are high maintenance elements of the City's infrastructure.