

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-077

AGENDA:

FEBRUARY 24,
2003

SUBJECT:

JUNK VEHICLE
TOWING
CONTRACT AWARD
TO DES MOINES
AUTOMOTIVE
PARTS COMPANY

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

The junk vehicle towing contract to remove abandoned and inoperable vehicles from private property expired January 18, 2003. Bidding specifications were sent out to ten prospective bidders. One bid proposal was returned by Des Moines Automotive Parts Company, and City staff has recommended this vendor be selected. The City Council is being asked to approve the selection of Des Moines Automotive Parts Company as the vendor and to instruct the Finance Department to complete a contract with this vendor for a period of one year with four one-year extensions.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The City provides Demolish Certificates to the vendor upon termination of the ownership process. This is a revenue source for the City of Des Moines. Approximately 2,500 vehicles are demolished annually. The new contract will pay the City \$25 per Demolish Certificate.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

As a result of the City Council's concern with inoperable and abandoned vehicles stored on private property and the removal of those vehicles in a timely matter, a contract was initiated with a towing vendor in the fall of 1992. The vendor's task was to remove and store junk vehicles identified by the Neighborhood Inspection Teams in the Community Development Department.

Once the vehicle owner notification process was complete, the Police Department would issue Demolish Certificates to the towing vendor on those vehicles remaining in their storage lot. The vendor would pay the City for each Demolish Certificate.

The current contract for this towing service expired January 18, 2003. Ten salvage companies were requested to bid on this matter, but only one dealer submitted a proposal. The single bidder is Des Moines



Automotive Parts Company. This vendor is willing to pay the City \$25 for each Demolish Certificate.