CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION:

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03-425

AGENDA:

AUGUST 25, 2003

SUBJECT:

AGREEMENT FOR SEWER SERVICE OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

TYPE:

RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA

SYNOPSIS —

The Fort Des Moines Black Officers Memorial, Inc. is constructing a memorial and museum upon land it is purchasing from the United States within the historic Fort Des Moines area. It seeks to immediately receive City sewer service in anticipation of the future annexation of the land. The annexation process would be commenced when the land is conveyed by the United States into private ownership.

FISCAL IMPACT —

The property owner has agreed to pay twice the normal rates for sewer service until such time as the property is annexed into the City of Des Moines.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

The Fort Des Moines Black Officers Memorial, Inc. seeks to obtain sewer service from the City of Des Moines in anticipation of the future annexation of the property. The annexation of the property will be commenced when the United States conveys the property into private ownership. The Black Officers Memorial has requested permission to immediately commence construction of the sewer improvements, and has agreed to pay for such sewer service at twice the normal in-city rates until the annexation is complete. The annexation cannot be completed at this time without the written approval of the United States. Upon the sale of the land, the Black Officers Memorial, or any other private purchaser of the land, will be compelled to sign an application for voluntary annexation.