

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-475

AGENDA:

SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

SUBJECT:

TOBACCO RETAILER
COMPLIANCE
PROGRAM

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

WILLIAM MCCARTHY
CHIEF OF POLICE

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

The Iowa Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage Division, has funding available to support a program to conduct checks on cigarette permit holders for compliance with prohibition on the sale of tobacco to minors.

The Vice and Narcotics Control Section of the Police Department would conduct these checks on an overtime basis for reimbursement from the Iowa Department of Commerce.

FISCAL IMPACT —

It is estimated compliance checking at approximately 350 establishments for a total cost of approximately \$20,000. The costs for the program will be reimbursed.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval of Reimbursement Agreement with the Iowa Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage Division.

BACKGROUND —

The Iowa Department of Commerce has received funds from the tobacco settlement to conduct checks on tobacco retailers for compliance with prohibitions on the sale of tobacco to minors.

The Vice and Narcotics Control Section of the Police Department will perform the work on an overtime basis. The City has approximately 350 cigarette license permit holders. Random and unannounced compliance checks will be made on these permit holders.

The City will be reimbursed \$50 for each compliance check. We estimate the cost will be approximately \$20,000.

On August 6, 2001, by Roll Call No. 01-2429, the City Council approved a program for tobacco retailer compliance.

On October 23, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-2534, the City Council



approved continuation of the program.