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SUBJECT—

Temporary Parking for Allied Insurance at 5th & Keo Garage during State Tournaments

SYNOPSIS—

City of Des Moines and Polk County staffs have developed a plan for the City to provide temporary parking for Allied Insurance at the City's 5th & Keo Garage during the State Wrestling and Basketball Tournaments. This arrangement will allow better access and traffic circulation during these very busy special events.

FISCAL IMPACT—

None. The County will pay the City the usual \$75 per month fee for each of the 111 spaces, for a total of \$8,325. This will offset the loss of revenue from these spaces not being available for tournament fans. The County's lot north of Vets Auditorium will be able to take in tournament fans, which will provide revenue to offset the cost they are paying to the City.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval.

BACKGROUND—

Staff members from the City, Polk County and the Iowa Department of Transportation have met to develop a parking and traffic control plan for the upcoming State Wrestling and Basketball Tournaments, February 23 through March 19. The large parking lot north of Vets Auditorium has been modified in conjunction with the construction of the Events Center, and the previous driveways to Crocker Street no longer exist. In the southwest corner of this large lot, Polk County has designated an area to provide parking for 111 Allied Insurance employees as replacement parking that was lost for construction of the Events Center. The staffs determined at the meeting that it was important to have tournament parking and access through this Allied parking area to facilitate overall access, parking and traffic circulation.

In order to make this lot available for the special tournament needs, Allied has agreed to relocate their employees to the City's 5th & Keo Garage, which is about the same distance from their building and connected by skywalk. Polk County will pay the normal rate of \$75 per month for each space. This arrangement will enhance the overall traffic and parking plan for Vets Auditorium for the tournaments, will benefit the Allied employees by moving them away from the congestion during the tournaments, and be revenue neutral for the City.