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SUBJECT—

Ordinance amendments regarding the general penalty and reckless driving, and enacting new ordinances regarding operators license, careless driving, and work zone regulations.

SYNOPSIS—

Establishing City ordinances for the following traffic violations:

1. Road work zone violations
2. No drivers license
3. Expired drivers license
4. Unlawful use of license
5. Permitting unauthorized minor to drive
6. Permitting unauthorized person to drive
7. Careless Driving

This action also includes updating the misdemeanor violation language.

FISCAL IMPACT—

A potential annual increase in revenue is estimated at \$175,000.00 - \$200,000.00.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The revisions contained in these ordinances are recommended to accomplish the following:

1. Increase safety for the residents of Des Moines on I-235 through compliance with speed restrictions.
2. Increase safety for construction workers on the I-235 project.
3. Offset costs associated with enforcement action for speeding and drivers license violations.
4. Establish traffic ordinances in the City of Des Moines to mirror that of other jurisdictions (State, County, and Cities).