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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION**

### **City Manager's Office**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Roll Call

Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

#### **SUBJECT—**

Boesen the Florist Sidewalk Café Lease

#### **SYNOPSIS—**

Boesen the Florist has operated as a florist in City-owned property in the 7<sup>th</sup> and Grand Parking Garage since 1974. In 1992, Boesen received City Council approval for a food service business to supplement the florist business. This sidewalk café lease will allow placement of tables and chairs on City property between the current florist business and the city sidewalk right of way and will enhance the food service business. A new five-year lease has been prepared for Boesen the Florist to execute. The City Properties Administrator has reviewed the request and recommends approval of the lease agreement.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

\$750 annual lease revenue. There will not be any expense for the City.

#### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

**BACKGROUND—**

Boesen the Florist was one of the initial tenants in the 7<sup>th</sup> and Grand Parking Garage. On December 21, 1992, by Roll Call No. 92-5774, the lease with Boesen the Florist was amended to allow for a food and carryout beverage service to occupy a portion of the space at the florist shop. Recognizing the value of a sidewalk café, the City of Des Moines and Boesen the Florist have held several discussions to formalize the use of City property between the pedestrian sidewalk and front door of the business as a sidewalk café. This agreement is the result of those discussions.

The sidewalk café program has proven to be beneficial to the City and the businesses involved. This new lease agreement would continue those benefits.