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SUBJECT—

Bid request for Junk Vehicle Towing

SYNOPSIS—

This request for bids for junk vehicle impound towing and storage is essentially the same as has been used to enforce the beautification ordinance since October of 1997 with the exception that it opens up the possibility that the contract could be awarded to a vendor outside the City of Des Moines if no City vendor submits a bid that meets all the requirements of the bid request.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Last year the City paid \$25,000 worth of claims for stolen property from vehicles stored on the vendors lot.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

The request for bid is attached. This request for bids for junk vehicle impounds is essentially the same as has been used to enforce the beautification ordinance since October of 1997 with the

exception that it opens up the possibility that the contract could be awarded to a vendor outside the City of Des Moines if no City vendor submits a bid that meets all the requirements of the bid request. Under the current contract the City is responsible for property damaged and/or stolen while stored on the vendors property, not the vendor. The reason this bid was accepted, with the exception to the bid request, is that no other bids were received.