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SUBJECT—

Retail Tobacco Compliance Program, Iowa Department of Commerce, Alcohol Beverage Division, funding to support tobacco compliance checks on retailers for sale to minors.

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 300 establishments for a total cost of approximately \$15,000. 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 300 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 \$15,000. This is a continuation of previous efforts within the same program.

The Council's previous actions on this matter in the last four years:

- September 22, 2003, Roll Call No. 03-2210, Approved
- October 23, 2002, 02-2534, Roll call No. Approved