



**Council
Communication**
Office of the City Manager

Date

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Agenda Item No. 56
Roll Call No. 06-
Communication No. 06-318
Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community
Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving amendment to the 28E agreement with Polk County regarding health functions and enforcement of certain health regulations.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of an amendment to the 28E agreement with Polk County regarding health functions and enforcement. This action would permit the County to perform lead paint inspections within the City. It also would allow the City to enforce open burning regulations within its limits, a task currently performed by the County.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

Amount: NA

Funding Source: NA

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Prior to the early 1980s, public health services were delivered by a jointly operated Des Moines-Polk County Health Department. When the City and the County dissolved this department, a 28E agreement was created so that certain health functions within city limits would be retained by the City while others would be delegated to the County.

The 28E agreement was amended on February 20, 1995, to include odor control and hazardous materials enforcement as tasks to be performed by the City.

The proposed amendment would allow the County to perform lead based paint (LBP) inspections within the City under a new cooperative arrangement between the County and the City to help reduce the incidence of LBP poisoning among area children. The amendment also would authorize the enforcement by City staff of open burning regulations, which are currently enforced by County staff.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: February 20, 1995

Roll Call Number: 95-660

Action: Moved by Vlassis to adopt; Council approved 5-2 (Dorrian and McPherson absent).

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

Date: NA

Roll Call Number: NA

Action: NA

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE