



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Roll Call No. 06-
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Department: **Bill McCarthy, Chief of
Police**

AGENDA HEADING:

Confidential Emergency Preparedness Information

SYNOPSIS:

Adoption of Security Information Policy to protect certain confidential city records relating to emergency preparedness information or security procedures.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: None

Funding Source: None

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Iowa State Legislature recently passed House File 2590 entitled Confidential Emergency Preparedness Information. This bill was created to grant the right of cities to treat certain government records as confidential if the records relate to emergency preparedness information or security procedures. The exemption of specific records or class of records from the Open Records Law only applies if the city has adopted a rule or policy identifying such records as confidential. Since this law went into effect July 1, 2006, all previous records relating to emergency preparedness or security procedures and identified as confidential are no longer confidential unless the City acts by adopting a policy declaring such records to be confidential.

A new detailed policy has been developed and is filed with the City Clerk's Office and requires the approval of the City Council.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

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BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

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ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENT: NONE