



Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

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Agenda Item No. 46

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-624

Submitted By: **Diane Rauh, City Clerk**

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 78 of the Municipal Code, to allow solicitation of donations from vehicles in conjunction with a permitted Street Use Event.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of an ordinance change to allow solicitation of donations from vehicles in conjunction with a City permitted Street Use event.

The Street Use Team, which includes representatives from various City Departments, works with event sponsors and coordinates all City approvals required for a successful, safe event. This ordinance change will allow solicitation from vehicles if the event sponsor obtains a Street Use Permit. In order to obtain the permit, an event sponsor will be required to meet with the Street Use Team. The team will determine any special event requirements, such as the number of Police Officers required and the amount of insurance necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Radio Station STAR 102.5 plans to sponsor a "Combat Hunger" event downtown on November 15, 2006. This event would include vehicles pulling up to a "donation station" to donate non-perishable food items or cash. The sponsor has approached the Street Use Team requesting that they be allowed to include this type of activity in the event. Currently, sections 78-108 and 78-110 of the Municipal Code prohibit solicitations from vehicles.

Staff recommends approval of an ordinance change to allow solicitation of donations from vehicles in conjunction with a City permitted Street Use event. Staff also recommends a waiver of the readings in order to allow preparation time in advance of the November 15th "Combat Hunger" event. The Street Use Team has discussed this change and agrees with this recommendation. The Police Chief also supports this change.

This ordinance change is not intended to permit groups to position volunteers with donation buckets at busy intersections in Des Moines. The Police Department will continue to enforce the ordinance when a complaint is received regarding solicitation not in conjunction with a permitted Street Use Event.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE