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AGENDA HEADING:

Administrative Penalties for the Unnatural Deposit of Leaves and/or Yard Debris on City Streets

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend administrative penalties to enforce Municipal Code Section 98-70 which prohibits the deposit of yard debris including leaves on Des Moines streets. Leaves and yard debris in streets reduce traction and obstruct stormwater run-off to storm sewer intakes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Unknown revenue

Funding Source: Revenue from administrative penalty will be deposited into FY09 Operating Budget, EN301, PWK071600, page 300.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Although the illegal deposit of yard debris (i.e., leaves, grass clippings, etc.) occurs throughout the year, it increases in the fall of the year. Administrative penalties in advance of civil citations will expedite enforcement and, in turn, compliance. The deposit of yard debris in the ROW often results in reduced traction, obstructions to stormwater runoff, and may at times, constitute an attractive nuisance for children seeking to play in piles of leaves. An administrative penalty of \$50 for the first offense, \$75 for the second offense within the same year, and \$100 for the third offense is recommended for a property owner or his or her contractor depositing yard debris on City streets.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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