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Roll Call No. 08-

Communication No. 08-547

Submitted by: Larry Hulse, Community
Development Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Ordinance extending the temporary waiver of permit fees for the repair, renovation or replacement of structures damaged by the recent flooding within the City of Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

On June 16, 2008, City Council waived permit fees for structures damaged by the floods of 2008. Those fee waivers expire September 15, 2008. Because of the flooding which occurred in the Four-Mile area later in the summer, this action extends the waiver of fees until December 15, 2008. City staff recommends waiver of the second and third readings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Unknown, final cost is dependant on the number of applications, and the extent of damages.

Funding Source: Permit and Development Center Permit revenues.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The building damage sustained by property owners in the Birdland and Four-Mile neighborhoods has placed a financial burden on those property owners. A permit fee waiver will help support the reconstruction of those properties, while not imposing additional cost burdens on those property owners. By waiving permit fees, the requirement for permits and inspections remain in place, thus allowing confirmation of safe and compliant construction, without the burden of the permit fees. This action extends the previously approved waiver of fees, and is necessary to address the additional damage sustained following the later flood event. This action also waives fees associated with any appeals that may be necessary as a result of this event. Staff recommends waiver of the second and third readings so that the waiver previously in effect will continue without interruption.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: June 16, 2008

Roll Call Number: 08-1081

Action: APPROVING AGENDA, AS PRESENTED AND/OR, AS AMENDED: Moved by Vlassis to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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