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	Agenda Item No. 50 Roll Call No. <u>14-0641</u> Communication No. <u>14-176</u> Submitted by: John F. TeKippe, Fire Chief

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code relating to the specific requirements for securing fire damaged premises.

SYNOPSIS:

Approval of this ordinance amends Section 46-74 of Chapter 46, Fire Protection and Prevention of the Municipal Code of the City of Des Moines. This specific section outlines the requirements for securing fire damaged premises. This section required revision to improve time requirements and to better coincide with the Neighborhood Inspection Division’s public nuisance process, which allows for immediate securing of dangerous properties.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Securing Fire Damaged Premises–Section 46-74. This change to Section 46-74 would amend the previous 48 hour requirement which did not coincide with the Neighborhood Inspection Division (NID) requirements. If approved, this revised section will allow for immediate securing of fire damaged premises, similar to NID’s abilities. If the property owners fails to secure the fire damaged property (or have the fire damaged property secured at the owner’s expense including by homeowner’s insurance coverage), the Fire Chief or designee may cause the fire damaged structure to be secured and assess the costs against the property in the same manner as a property tax, pursuant to the procedures set forth in accordance with article VI, chapter 42 of the City Code. Rather than creating a new preferred vendor contract process for securing fire damaged structures, the Fire Department will utilize the Building Department’s contracted preferred vendor for commercial structures and the preferred vendor on contract with the Neighborhood Inspection Division will be used for residential structures.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: August 12, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1280](#)

Action: On adoption by reference of the International Fire, Building, and other standard codes:

- (A) [Final](#) consideration of ordinance above amending Chapter 46 of the Municipal Code regarding adoption of the International Fire Code and amendments. Moved by Mahaffey that this ordinance do now pass, [15,205](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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