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**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval and acceptance of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Iowa Statewide Interoperable Communications System (ISICS) Board and the City of Des Moines, as well as a Letter of Intent for access to the ISICS.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The agreement identifies the ISICS as the State radio communication system that enables public safety and public service entities to communicate across the state. The agreement specifies that no user fees will be charged for access to the system and termination of the agreement would require written notice a year in advance. A Letter of Intent, addressed to the ISICS Board, is required to make an official request for access to the statewide radio system.

The City owns and operates a legacy analog radio system. The ISICS is a digital statewide interoperable network that is used by the State Patrol and other local law enforcement agencies. The City has a similar agreement to access the Central Iowa Regional Public Safety Communication System (CIRPSCS), which is the leased digital network used by Polk County and other local law enforcement agencies.

**FISCAL IMPACT: NONE**

There is no cost related to the MOA; however, the City is responsible for the purchase of compatible radios and other equipment compatible with the ISICS.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- The ISICS is a radio communications platform that is to provide 95% mobile radio coverage across the state of Iowa as stated in the memorandum. The system allows public safety and public services, such as hospitals, utilities and street repair units to directly communicate with each other through the use of 700/800 MHz radio equipment. The system is used for coverage and redundant backup for operations with no user fee to access the system.
- Any equipment purchased for use on the system or to connect to the system would remain the responsibility of the City. The agreement does not specify an expiration date, but does provide a termination process for either party.

- This agreement will allow the City to purchase radios and equipment needed in certain situations to communicate on the ISICS while also maintaining the City analog system as the primary network for radio communication.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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