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	Agenda Item No.	37
	Roll Call No.	<u>18-790</u>
	Communication No.	<u>18-230</u>
	Submitted by:	Steven L. Naber, P.E., City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 102 of the Municipal Code to allow Vehicle Impact Protection Devices (VIPD) as an encroachment.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the ordinance revisions to allow VIPD in the border area for crowd protection around event venues with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more.

FISCAL IMPACT: NONE

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Concerns have been raised regarding vehicle ramming type of incidents occurring with increased regularity around the world.
- Large event venues approached City staff about the possibility of allowing VIPD in the border area for the protection of those large crowds entering and/or gathering on public property adjacent to the event venue.
- The proposed ordinance would authorize the City Engineer to license the installation of VIPD in the border area adjacent to event venues with a seating capacity of 2,500 or more and that otherwise meet the terms of the Municipal Code.
- Allows for different types of VIPD, which are devices that are designed, engineered, and located to effectively separate areas of pedestrian and vehicular travel and prevent vehicles from entering areas which are solely intended for pedestrian use and travel. VIPD shall be comprised of bollards or barriers, or a combination of both.
- Sidewalks should be open and accessible to pedestrians to the greatest extent possible, and VIPD should minimize interference with pedestrian circulation, particularly in crowded locations.
- The proposed ordinance changes to Section 102-596 to Section 102-615 address the design, installation, location, size, spacing, color and height of all VIPD within the border area.

- On this same City Council Agenda, City Council is being asked to consider a license agreement with Des Moines Performing Arts to allow for VIPD within the border area along 3rd Street and Locust Street in accordance with the recommended ordinance revisions.

Sample Bollards



Sample Barriers



PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Access Advisory Board

Date: April 18, 2018

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Presentation by Jennifer McCoy, City Traffic Engineer, City of Des Moines; Laura Sweet of Des Moines Performing Arts; and Eric Iverson, RDG Planning-Design of plans of Bollards from Brenton to Civic Center/Cowles Commons. The priority question was if there were concerns of the 48” to 60” from center line to center line. The Board agreed the 48” to 60” was sufficient and there were no concerns regarding this spacing. The Board recommended approval of plans. Motion by Gibson to approve. Seconded by Smith. Motion Carried.

*The Access Advisory Board will review and approve the minutes with the above action at their next meeting.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

License or lease agreements to allow specific event venues to install VIPD in the border area.

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