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	Agenda Item No. 3 Roll Call No. <u>18-1216</u> Communication No. <u>18-368</u> Submitted by: Jonathan A. Gano, P.E., Public Works Director

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval of ordinance temporarily waiving sewer, solid waste collection and stormwater management service charges to qualifying properties damaged by the recent flooding within the City of Des Moines.

SYNOPSIS:

On Saturday, June 30, 2018 a severe storm caused flash flooding throughout neighborhoods in Des Moines. This flooding severely damaged many dwellings, places of business and other structures creating an emergency situation. It is in the public interest to assist in the efforts of the affected property owners and tenants to repair, renovate, relocate, demolish or replace damaged structures and improvements.

The imposition and collection of sewer, solid waste collection and stormwater management service charges would add a further impediment to the recovery of the affected property owners and tenants that do not have water service while damage to the affected properties is being addressed.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Unknown at this time

Funding Source: Associated enterprise funds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- Due to the recent flooding event, sewer, solid waste collection and stormwater management service charges will be waived for affected property owners and tenants that have had their water service turned off due to damage to the property caused by the flash flooding event. Normal practice is to continue to bill customers for these services even when the water has been shut off. For most properties, as of July 1, 2018, the charges total \$37.28, including:
 - \$6.00 for water service
 - \$4.40 for sewer service
 - \$14.20 for solid waste collection service
 - \$12.68 for stormwater management service
- This action will waive the sewer, solid waste collection and stormwater management service charges between July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019 for properties impacted by the recent floods while water service has been shut off. It is our understanding that the Des Moines Water Works will also waive the water service charge for the same properties.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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