COUNCIL COMMUNICATION				
CITY OF DES MOINES OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER	Number:	25-371	Meeting:	September 29, 2025
	Agenda Item:	56	Roll Call:	25-1313
	Submitted by:	Chris Johansen, Neighborhood Services Department Director		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approving \$215,000 of additional funds for the annual agreement with Kaldenbergs PBS Landscaping and Lawn Care for mowing, trimming, and grass clean-up services on nuisance properties to be used by the Neighborhood Services Department for a total of annual estimated amount of \$325,000.

SYNOPSIS:

With this action, the City Council would approve an increase in the contract with the City's nuisance vegetation mowing contractor by \$215,000. The increase in the cost is to meet the level of service demanded through the City's code enforcement program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$215,000

Funding Source: CD041042/Neighborhood Inspections

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- The cost of abatements this year is larger than the last two (2) years.
- The City did not have a good idea on the cost estimate for the program because it had historically been managed by the County Weed Commissioner. This is the first year that the City has managed the program that we have received excessive rain, which has driven a higher case load and cost of abatement.
- Increasing the annual cost for the program will allow the Neighborhood Services Department to continue to mow properties that are in violation of the Municipal Code of Ordinances.
- Costs incurred as part of this program and contract are invoiced back to the properties on which the abatements have occurred.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

<u>Date</u>: April 10, 2023

Roll Call Number: 23-0521

Action: Approving procurement of mowing, trimming, and grass clean-up on nuisance properties from Kaldenbergs PBS Landscaping and Lawn Care in the total annual estimated amount of \$110,000. Council action approved 6-0 with one absent. Motion by Gatto, seconded by Voss.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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