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Date May 24, 2010

Recommendations regarding Pawn Shop interest rates and charges.

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I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

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May 21, 2010

**HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS  
OF THE DES MOINES CITY COUNCIL**

Re: Pawnbroker rates and charges

At the special City Council Meeting held on Monday, May 17, 2010, the City Council referred the matter of possible City regulation of interest rates and fees charged by pawnbrokers and enforcement of such regulations to the City Manager and City Attorney for review and report at the May 24, 2010 City Council meeting.

I have been in contact with the Attorney General's office concerning the interpretation of Iowa Code Section 537.1202(5). We agree that the language permits cities to enact an ordinance which regulates rates and charges of pawnbrokers. Currently those rates and charges are regulated under the Iowa Consumer Credit Code. To the best of our knowledge, there are no other cities in Iowa which have enacted an ordinance regulating such rates and charges.

We recommend that the City Council follow a process which permits input from the public and stakeholders to be received prior to analysis and development of specific recommendations for further action.

Respectfully submitted,

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City Attorney