

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
DES MOINES, IOWA

CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-348  
AUGUST 19, 1996 AGENDA

SUBJECT:	TYPE:	SUBMITTED BY:
PAVING PETITION—COLLEGE AVENUE FROM 30TH STREET TO 31ST STREET	◆ RESOLUTION ORDINANCE RECEIVE/FILE	HAROLD E. SMITH CITY ENGINEER

**SYNOPSIS —**

On June 17, 1996, by Roll Call No. 96-2235, the City Council received and referred a petition from residents requesting the paving of College Avenue from 30th Street to 31st Street.

**FISCAL IMPACT —**

Fifty percent of the total assessed costs for the intermediate paving project derive from benefited properties, and the remainder of the costs come from the Public Works Operating Budget in lieu of long-term maintenance needs of an unpaved street.

**RECOMMENDATION —**

Because valid signatures on the petition do not represent a majority of the property owners who would be assessed, it is recommended that it be returned to the petitioners.

**BACKGROUND —**

College Avenue from 30th Street to 31st Street is approximately 288 feet in length with a 25-foot right-of-way width. Adjacent properties are zoned R-2 and are 100 percent developed. The street has the appearance of an alley, is asphalt-stabilized, and has a very low volume of traffic. Adequate sanitary sewer and stormwater drainage is in place to accommodate paving. Valid signatures on the petition represent only 36 percent of the 25 property owners who would be assessed for the project. If paving could become a reality, it would be recommended that the street be paved as an alley section 14 feet wide and with an inverted crown. The street would be paved with asphalt by the Public Works Department.

Since the petition does not represent a majority of the property owners who would be assessed for the project, it is recommended that the petitioners obtain more signatures before consideration by the City. The Engineering Department will return the petition and provide any information needed to obtain a majority approval for the paving of College Avenue to proceed.