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## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATION City Manager's Office**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Submitted by: Donald M. Tripp, Park and Recreation Director

### **SUBJECT—**

Approval of 28E Agreement with Polk County for Mowing Certain City-Owned Properties

### **SYNOPSIS—**

28E Agreement whereby Polk County mowing crews would mow certain City of Des Moines owned properties at no cost to the City.

### **FISCAL IMPACT—**

\$30,000 - \$40,000 savings each year of the agreement

### **RECOMMENDATION—**

Approval

### **BACKGROUND—**

For the last several years, the City of Des Moines hired a private contractor to mow a portion of the property owned by the City of Des Moines. The last private contractor was selected in calendar year 2000 through the RFP process. The RFP expired for calendar year 2004 and actions were being taken to issue another RFP.

On March 31, 2004, Polk County contacted the City stating that Polk County officials had noted City of Des Moines' employees or contract employees mowing City-owned lots that were located near Polk County owned lots that are being maintained by Polk County mowing crews. Polk County officials indicated a willingness to attempt to work together to find some efficiencies in the mowing and maintenance process. This agreement is the result of those discussions and is for a period of one year with annual renewals. The agreement is subject to cancellation by either party. These properties are primarily non-park and non-right of way properties. A majority of the properties are currently classified for Economic Development and Stormwater. The concept of a 28E Agreement between the City of Des Moines and Polk County for mowing was approved by the Polk County Board of Supervisors at the March 30, 2004 meeting. This 28E Agreement will be submitted to the Polk County Board of Supervisors for approval at their next meeting.