CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: October 3, 2016

ITEM: Snow Maintenance Facilities – Amend Title 9, Zoning, to establish performance standards for snow maintenance facilities- City Initiated – AO-002908-2015

MOTION: Refer to Plan and Zoning Commission

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Undetermined.

BACKGROUND: The City of West Des Moines requests an amendment to Title 9, Zoning, to establish performance standards for snow maintenance facilities. Many snow removal contractors for larger office and commercial establishments have been staging equipment and materials on properties to allow for efficient and timely removal of snow and ice. Storage and operation of these facilities have not been problematic so far, but no recourse exists if we do have a problem site. Staff is recommending adoption of performance standards for these facilities, but at this point in time not requiring a review or permitting process.

At this time the City is requesting that the City Council initiate the ordinance amendment request and refer it to the Plan and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation. The initiation of the ordinance amendment request by the City Council does not indicate support or opposition to the request.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends initiation of the ordinance amendment request and forwarding it to the Plan and Zoning Commission for their review and recommendation.

Lead Staff Member: J. Bradley Munford, Planner

STAFF REVIEWS:

Department Director	Les.
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	JBW
Agenda Acceptance	

PUBLICATION(S) (if applicable)

Published In	n/a	
Date(s) Published	n/a	
Letter sent to surrounding property owners		n/a

SUBCOMMITTEE REVIEW (if applicable)

Committee	Development & Planning		
Date Reviewed	September 19, 2016		
Recommendation	Yes	No ☐	Split ☐