CITY OF WEST DES MOINES
CITY COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNICATION

DATE: October 3, 2016

ITEM: Indoor Self-Storage in Commercial Districts, Amend Title 9, Zoning, to Regulate Indoor Self-Storage in Commercial Districts– City Initiated
AO-003229-2016

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 amend the ordinance to regulate indoor self-storage in commercial zoning districts. Staff has had a pre-application for indoor self-storage in the former Dahl's grocery store building at 5003 E.P. True Parkway, where the applicant inquired about using the building for indoor self-storage. Staff discussed the possibility at the Development and City Council Subcommittee on July 11, 2016, and the Subcommittee was generally supportive of allowing indoor self-storage in the commercial districts if combined with a retail/office component to keep the activity level at these sites more conducive to commercial activity that otherwise would take place in the districts.

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: Kara Tragesser, AICP

STAFF REVIEWS:

Department Director	
Appropriations/Finance	
Legal	
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	n/a		
Date Reviewed			
Recommendation	Yes	No ☐	Split ☐