



## Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

**Date:** August 19, 2014

**To:** Council Member Lisa Goodman, Chair - Community Development & Regulatory Services Committee

**Referral to:** Council Member John Quincy, Chair - Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Hennepin County contract amendment

**Recommendation:** Direct the proper City officials to execute an amendment to contract C-35467 with Hennepin County for Sentence to Serve to provide nuisance property grass-cutting and related services for the rest of 2014 for an amount up to \$75,000

**Previous Directives:** City Council at its July 18, 2014 meeting authorized the City to enter into contract with Over the Top, Inc.; however vendor was unable to execute contract.

Pursuant to Official Publication No. 7892, City Council at its March 7, 2014\_meeting authorized the City to enter into a contract with Arbor Barber Inc. for nuisance property grass-cutting and related services.

### Department Information

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Approved by:

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Nuria P. Rivera-Vandermyde, Director of Regulatory Services

Presenters in Committee: Lee Larson and JoAnn Velde

### Financial Impact

- No financial impact (contract request is within existing budget)
- Request provided to the Finance Department

### Supporting Information

Hennepin County Sentence to Serve has offered to provide grass cutting and related services for private properties as ordered by Regulatory Services for the rest of 2014. Arbor Barber was the low bid for all districts, but the high workload in 2014 has created difficult challenges for that vendor. The City attempted to add a second contract for Over the Top,

Inc. However, Over the Top experienced internal business issues and notified the City that it would not sign a contract with the City.

The City sought other vendors to perform the grass-cutting services requested pursuant to Official Publication No. 7892. Since none of the vendors contacted could satisfy the City's contract conditions, the City contacted an existing City vendor, Hennepin County Sentence to Serve. Sentence to Serve provides similar property maintenance functions for CPED and Public Works, and has done so for several years. The amendment is to the Public Works contract, which has the most similarity. Public Works has no objections to adding on this scope of work to the existing contract for 2014.