



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

Date: November 29, 2010

To: Council Member Elizabeth Glidden, Chair – Regulatory, Energy & Environment Committee

Referral to: Council Member Betsy Hodges, Chair – Ways & Means/Budget Committee

Subject: Request for authorization to enter into an agreement with University of Minnesota Extension center office in Minneapolis to receive \$10,000.00 funding towards Environmental Health - food safety and security training.

Recommendation: Approval of the request for authorization

Amend appropriation resolution by increasing the appropriation for the Department of Regulatory Services in federal Grant Fund 01300-8350200 by \$10,000.00 and increasing Revenue Source 01300-8350200-321000 by \$10,000.00.

Previous Directives: None

Department Information

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Approved by:

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Presenters in Committee: Curt Fernandez

Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ___ Date _____
- Civil Rights Approval Approval ___ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ___ Date _____

Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget
Dept Name: Regulatory Services
Fund Name: 01300-8350200
Amount: \$10,000
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
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Community Impact

- City Goals
- Other

Supporting Information

Community Engagement/LEP Plan:

Minneapolis businesses need tools & training for emergency preparedness and food safety and security. Staff is working in collaboration with the University of Minnesota Extension Service to engage the community through the Self-Audit Program which encourages business operators to take responsibility and "be their own inspector" so that they can be in compliance when they receive regulatory inspections.

Our bilingual staff works with multi-cultural and linguistically diverse operators and encourages them to assess, plan, implement, and evaluate solutions to food safety and security issues. Business operators and their employees have found educational discussions, demonstrations and activities surprising, informative and incredibly beneficial in helping them to keep the customers safe which is in line with FDA, USDA, CDC, MDA, MDH and City goal for reducing food borne illness.

University of Minnesota extension center office has recently informed us that they will allocate \$10000.00 to City of Minneapolis Environmental Health in 2010 towards community food safety education. We are requesting that the appropriate officials be authorized so that city staff may proceed with the food safety and self audit training activities to minimize potential risks in our licensed facilities.

Desired outcomes of the project:

The City will hire a community liaison (contractor) to work with restaurants to incorporate self-auditing and will coordinate food safety/security training sessions in the community. This project will enhance the risk-based inspection, education, and enforcement process developed in partnership with the hospitality industry, regulators, and scientific/educational institutions working together to reduce environmental disease factors, and to establish meaningful performance measures.

Develop and implement effective onsite food safety training and educational approaches for food service establishments employing Spanish speaking food service workers and managers to

- Reduce violations related to Inadequate Management Systems by 5%
- Reduce violations related To Improper Temperature Control by 5%
- Reduce Violations related to Food Handler Hygiene by 5%

This project will also improve the communication with industry and the public.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the above-entitled resolution, as amended, be further amended by:

Increase appropriation for Regulatory Services Dept. in fund 01300 Department 8350200 by \$10,000.

Increase revenue estimate for Regulatory Services Dept. in fund 01300 Department 8350200-321000 by \$10,000.