Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of

Date April 24, 2006

To Public Safety & Regulatory Services Committee, The Honorable Don Samuels, Chairperson

Referral to Ways & Means/Budget Committee, The Honorable Paul Ostrow, Chairperson

Subject Proposed Amendment to Minneapolis Code of Ordinances 226 relating to Health and Sanitation: Graffiti Nuisance Property

Decrease appropriation of $100,000 from Regulatory Services budget and increase Public Works-Solid Waste Division by $100,000.

Recommendation:

- That the City Council adopt the proposed ordinance amendments of Chapter 226 related to Health and Sanitation: Graffiti Nuisance Property
- Decrease the appropriation for the Regulatory Services Department in Fund 0100-Agency 835-Organization 8510 by $100,000 minus expenses paid from Regulatory Services before the effective date of this appropriation revision, and
- Increase the appropriation for Public Works-Solid Waste in Fund 7700 – Agency 664 by $100,000 minus expenses paid from Regulatory Services before the effective date of the appropriation revision

Previous Directives

Prepared or Submitted by Henry Reimer, Director of Inspections 673-2872

Approved by: _____

Rocco Forte, Assistant City Coordinator, Regulatory Services

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Henry Reimer, Director of Inspections

Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not Applicable _____
Note: To determine if applicable see http://insite/finance/purchasing/permanent-review-committee-overview.asp

Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable ____

Note: The Policy Review Group is a committee co-chaired by the City Clerk and the

City Coordinator that must review all requests related to establishing or changing enterprise policies.

Presenters in Committee: Henry Reimer, Director of Inspections

Financial Impact

1. _X__ Other financial impact

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Background/Supporting Information:

- The ordinance amendments will shift graffiti abatement responsibility to Public Works as directed by ordinance'
- Expand summary abatement to include entire structure if any part is situated within 5 feet of the right of way;
- Simplify non-summary abatement by changing the notice and eliminating the consent form;
- Include non summary abatement of sensitive surfaces by entering into contracts with service providers; engage in cost recovery for non-summary abatement by using utility filling and assessment process;
- Establish an operating budget to be allocated from rollover funds and replenished from costs recovered.
- Utilize civil, administrative adjudication process to engage in cost recovery and levy fines against property owners who do not cooperate with the City's abatement efforts.
- Engage a pilot project to test the efficacy of the statute allowing for civil suits to recover costs directly from graffiti vandals.