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

Date: November 13, 2006

To: Council Member Paul Ostrow, Ways & Means Budget/Committee

Subject: Approval for appropriation increase to Department of Regulatory Services for $700,000

Recommendation:

Amend the 2006 General Appropriation Resolution to increasing the Department of Regulatory Services appropriation (Fund 0100-835-8560) by $700,000 and decreasing the Contingency Fund appropriation (Fund 0100-175-1750) by $700,000

Previous Directives:
None.

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Financial Impact

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ___ Capital Budget or _X_ Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Community Impact (use any categories that apply)

Neighborhood Notification: Not applicable

City Goals: In five years all Minneapolis residents will have a better quality of life and access to housing and services; residents will live in a healthy environment and benefit from healthy lifestyles; the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained and people will feel safe in the city.

Comprehensive Plan: Not applicable

Zoning Code: Not applicable

Other: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information:

The Department of Regulatory Services is committed to the reduction of blighting influences. The presence of nuisance conditions, such as rubbish and weeds on private property, increases the blighting influences on the City's neighborhoods. During 2006, the department made strong efforts to reduce these nuisance conditions. These efforts include the recent ordinance change involving pre-authorizations and the Northside cleanup initiative. However, the consequence of these endeavors has resulted in a significant increase in nuisance abatement contracted costs.

The expenses of these nuisance abatements will be primarily assessed to and collected from Hennepin County property taxes for 2007 General fund revenues.

Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

General Operating Resolution 2005R-655

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

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