

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: REIMBURSEMENT AGREEMENT FOR POLICE OVERTIME TO ENFORCE UNDERAGE DRINKING LAWS**

**BACKGROUND:**

For a number of years the Police Department has partnered with Youth and Shelter Services to promote the enforcement of underage drinking laws. In the past, YSS has been able to provide funding that allows officer overtime for enforcement activities. The Police Department and YSS are proposing a new agreement for alcohol compliance checks with local licensed retail establishments.

The proposed program would include compliance checks with approximately 30 licensed establishments and each would be checked twice during the 5 ½ month program period. This agreement would require the Department to share the cost of each compliance check with YSS on a 50/50 basis. The Department's contribution can include in-kind costs. The maximum reimbursement available from YSS under this proposed program is \$2,000. The program must be completed by June 30, 2015.

If approved, the Police Department would continue to carry out enforcement activities and compliance checks related to underage drinking laws throughout the community, including compliance checks with local retailers who are not checked as part of this proposed program. Areas and retailers included in this program will be selected Police Department command staff.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve the Underage Enforcement agreement between the Police Department and Youth and Shelter Services.
2. Do not approve the Underage Enforcement agreement.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

These funds will supplement the Police Department's existing efforts to combat alcohol problems in the City of Ames.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Underage Enforcement agreement between the Police Department and Youth and Shelter Services.