

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ENCROACHMENT PERMIT FOR SIGN IN 1500 BLOCK OF SOUTH DUFF

BACKGROUND:

On February 27, 2009, the Bankers Trust Company, a tenant in the building at 1510 Buckeye Avenue, requested an encroachment permit for a new sign which will encroach into a City utility easement at the rear of the building, at the yard adjacent to the west side of South Duff.

The proposed sign is a free-standing ground sign that will project not more than 24" into the west side of a utility easement that runs parallel with South Duff and the rear of the building. The sign will align with two others that are similarly located in relation to other businesses in the same building.

It has been determined the encroachment will not interfere with required City of Ames utilities or utility operations.

The requirements of Section 22.3 of the Municipal Code have been met with the submittal of a hold-harmless agreement signed by the property owner and the applicant, and a certificate of liability insurance coverage which protects the City in case of an accident. The fee for this permit was calculated at \$25 and the full amount has been received by the City Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the requested encroachment permit for a sign in the 1500 block of South Duff.
2. Deny the request.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This sign is similar to several other ground signs in the immediate area, and can be installed within the City utility easement without limiting access to City utilities. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby granting the requested encroachment permit.