

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT OF MOWING COSTS

BACKGROUND:

City staff has performed mowing services at the properties listed below. This action is performed on a complaint basis. Once a complaint has been received, notice is given to the property owner that the City will mow the property if the owner has not done so, and assess the actual cost of the mowing to the property owner.

Also included in the list are the names and addresses of the property owners and the costs associated with the mowing. After the work was completed, bills were mailed to the property owners. To date, these bills have not been paid. A certified notice of this hearing has been mailed to each of the property owners.

Julia Keifer 2802 Brookside Drive Iowa City, IA 52245 Mowing for property located at 1222 Burnett Avenue Notice posted on July 19, 2011	\$ 100.00
Roy R. Salcedo 2724 E. Leach Avenue Des Moines, IA 50320 Mowing for property located at 233 South Franklin Avenue Notice posted on July 19, 2011	\$ 145.00
Flagstar Bank 5151 Corporate Drive Troy, MI 48098 Mowing for property located at 3322 Jefferson Circle Notice posted on July 19, 2011	\$100.00
Ferruccio Trabalzi 825 Grand Avenue Ames, IA 50010 Mowing for property located at 825 Grand Avenue Notice posted on August 22, 2011	\$ 112.50
US Bank National Association c/o Homeq Servicing Corporation 701 Corporate Center Drive Raleigh, NC 27607 Mowing for property located at 4404 Todd Drive Notice posted on August 22, 2011	\$ 137.50

Jeremy Hiatt
105 Centennial Drive
Huxley, IA 50124
Mowing for property located at 514 Ely Circle
Notice posted on August 22, 2011

\$ 125.00

Gregory Smith
5111 Schubert Street
Ames, IA 50014
Mowing for property located at 5111 Schubert Street
Notice posted on August 22, 2011

\$ 300.00

ALTERNATIVES:

1. The City Council can adopt a resolution assessing the costs to the property owners shown on the above list. The Finance Director will then prepare a spread sheet on the assessments, and the City Clerk's Office will file the assessments with the Story County Treasurer for collection in the same manner as property taxes as provided in the *Code of Iowa*.
2. The City Council could choose to not certify these costs to the County Treasurer and, instead, absorb the costs.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

These property owners failed to mow their properties in accordance with local law after receiving notice to do so, and have neglected to pay the costs incurred by the City in performing this mowing.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, thereby assessing the costs of mowing to the property owners shown above.