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FROM: Michelle Spohnheimer, Housing & Community Development Director

DATE: June 14, 2021 Meeting

RE: Renewal of 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals

Policy Issue: The City administers the HUD Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. As a part of that program it is our responsibility to enforce regulations and if necessary investigate participant fraud. The most common violations of fraud include unreported income, unauthorized household members and absence from the unit. Staff is able to conduct some investigations in house with the assistance of local law enforcement but we are working with the IDIA on the majority of our terminations now. Occasionally a case may involve other State or Federal agencies such as the Department of Human Services. This agreement will authorize the City to engage the Iowa Department of Inspections and Appeals on these types of cases if needed which typically reduces our costs.

Recommendation: Staff recommends approving the 28E agreement allowing the staff to continue to work with the IDIA on cases as needed.

Background: The staff has a lot of verbal communication with other agencies in an effort to identify and eliminate fraud as soon as it comes to our attention. We will continue to work with agencies as much as possible in ways that do not result in fees for service.

Budget Impact: Should the City need to engage the IDIA for paid services the expenses would be charged to the Section 8 program budget.

Attachment: Resolution & 28E Agreement

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me at 641-754-5756 or e-mail me at mspohnheimer@marshalltown-ia.gov.